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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Yemen And Aden

THE long-standing struggle between the British protectorate of Aden and the Arab kingdom of the Yemen has jumped back into prominence in the troubled Middle East. The dispute, mainly concerning border demarcation, has smouldered on for years; now it appears to be near flash-point again, this time against the new Middle East context of the Anglo-French Suez invasion, the United Nations intervention and the "Eisenhower doctrine."

The history of the protectorate and the Yemen is a continuous one of border strife principally stimulated by Yemeni claims to much of Aden on historical grounds. It was not until 1934 that Yemeni raids on the protectorate ceased with the signing of a peace treaty with Britain.

But her claims have assumed a different aspect since she joined with Saudi Arabia and Egypt in 1956 in a five-year military alliance and joint military command. Moreover, since becoming a member of the Arab League in 1946 the Yemen has enjoyed consistent Arab backing in her charges against Britain.

THERE have been manifold signs that the Yemen has identified herself with the move made by other Arab countries in the Middle East to become associated with the Soviet bloc by receiving from it military equipment and other forms of aid. Significantly, following the visit to Moscow last June of the Yemeni Crown Prince, Czechoslovakian-made artillery and anti-aircraft guns arrived in considerable quantities in the Yemen.

### Governor Accused

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In a speech published today, Gyorgy Marossan, Minister of State and Kadar's right-hand man, said any participation of the Social Democrats in Hungarian political life again would be a "hostile action" as it might divide the strength of the workers class. — China Mail Special.

**Big Round-Up In Casbah: 300 Arrested**

Algiers, Jan. 8. A strong detachment of French Army paratroopers and police today carried out an intensive search of the Algiers Casbah, the Moslem quarter of the city, arresting about 300 people and killing one man who sought to flee.

The search uncovered 33 shot-guns, two hand-grenades, quantities of ammunition and military equipment, as well as medical supplies.

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### GIs CLAIM BACKPAY

Washington, Jan. 8.

Three former American soldiers, who refused repatriation after being taken prisoner in Korea, today claimed \$5,000 back-pay each from the United States army for the period of their absence.

When the three men, former Corporals Lewis Griggs, William Cowart and Otto Bell, eventually returned as civilians to the United States, the Army authorities brought proceedings against them which were dismissed. — France-Press.

### Dulles' Hope

Washington, Jan. 8. Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, said today he hoped that President Eisenhower's Middle East proposals will be approved by Congress by the end of the month.

Mr Dulles made this statement to reporters after attending a private meeting of the foreign affairs committee of the House of Representatives. — Reuter.

## ASSASSINATION PLOT SHOCK Police Foil Plan To Shoot Governor Of Northern Rhodesia

### AFRICAN SOLDIER UNDER ARREST

Lusaka, Jan. 8. A plot to assassinate the Governor of Northern Rhodesia, Sir Arthur Benson, has been uncovered by Security Police, according to reports tonight.

The reports said the plotters apparently aimed to get a sentry outside Government House in Lusaka to shoot the Governor as he passed through the gates of his residence.

An anonymous letter received by the Government a week ago tipped off Security Police who have been on the alert for trouble since Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, the Colonial Secretary, arrived in the Rhodesias two weeks ago.

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### Queen Told Of Ministerial Changes

London, Jan. 8. Sir Anthony Eden went to Sandringham on Tuesday to tell the Queen that he intends to announce ministerial changes in the next few days, writes the Daily Express political correspondent Derek Marks.

It is known, says Marks, that Sir Walter Monckton, the Paymaster-General, is anxious to assume one of the senior legal posts.

There is at the same time,

Marks adds, growing criticism of both Aubrey Jones, Minister of Fuel, and Harold Watkinson, Minister of Transport, as a result of the petrol rationing scheme. — London Express Service.

## United Nations Call For Free All-Korea Elections

New York, Jan. 8. The Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly today called for free elections throughout Korea under U.N. supervision.

### TALKS OPEN ON NEW HUNGARIAN GOVT

Washington, Jan. 8. The United States Government would view with approval the visit of a Polish economic mission to the United States, the State Department spokesman said today.

The spokesman said the Polish Government had suggested the sending of such a mission.

However, the U.S. Government had not made any final decision on the date for the visit, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said the Polish economic mission would be to continue the negotiations begun with the granting of export licences to Poland for the purchase in dollars of American surplus farm products.

The spokesman said the present contacts between Washington and Warsaw were through the normal diplomatic channels and with the Polish Foreign Ministry.

He said the American Government was now considering accepting payment in Polish currency. — France-Press.

### SYRIA'S CHARGE AGAINST IRAQ & LEBANON

Damascus, Jan. 8.

Brigadier General Adib Shishakly, former President of Syria, was accused in court to-day of receiving \$15,000 for his part in an alleged plot instigated by Britain, France and Iraq to overthrow the Syrian Government.

Start of the contacts was announced by two top officials of the Hungarian "Patriotic Peoples Front," Ferenc David and Raspar Fyori, in an interview today in the official trade union organ Nepszabadsag.

**THREE PARTIES**

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**PLANE CRASH REPORTED**

Toulouse, Jan. 8. A mountain rescue team searched in vain for the wreckage of an unidentified aircraft reported to have crashed today 5,400 feet up in the Pyrenees.

No French aircraft has been posted as missing today.

The alarm was given by a shepherd in the mountains west of Toulouse, who said he heard a noise of aircraft engines and saw a plane take a nose dive behind a peak.

Immediately afterwards a thick column of smoke rose into the sky. — China Mail Special.

**Adenauer Visit?**

Bonn, Jan. 8. The West German DPA news agency said today that West German President Theodor Heuss and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer will make an official trip to the United States next spring.

Official West German sources refused to confirm this report. — France-Press.

**\$5 million Cheque**

United Nations, Jan. 8.

The United States delegation to the United Nations today handed the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, a cheque for \$5 million to cover the first expenses of the work for clearing the Suez Canal. — France-Press.

The rule put into effect last year, the Foreign Office told him he must have official authorisation from a sponsoring government before he can enter the mountains.

The rule was imposed to combat mountaineering and exploration in the remote area bordering Red China to bona fide teams.

Byrne said he would produce authorisation "within a week." He listed the other members of his expedition as Miss Cathy McLean and Tom Glick. They have not arrived yet. — United Press.

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## Chou Has Talks In Moscow

Moscow, Jan. 8.

The Chinese Premier Mr Chou En-lai today held meetings with Soviet and East German leaders in the second round of talks between the Communist states which began with a five-power meeting in Budapest just after the new year.

The meetings, which were presumed to have been held separately, took place shortly before the East German government delegation which has been having talks with Soviet leaders during the last few days, left Moscow for home by train.

**New Policy?**

Mr Chou's talks with the Russian and East German leaders were seen here as part of a plan to develop "Communist solidarity" under Soviet direction.

Russia is almost entirely responsible for Chinese industrial development, and the Chinese ideological support given to the Russians will undoubtedly place him in a strong bargaining position.

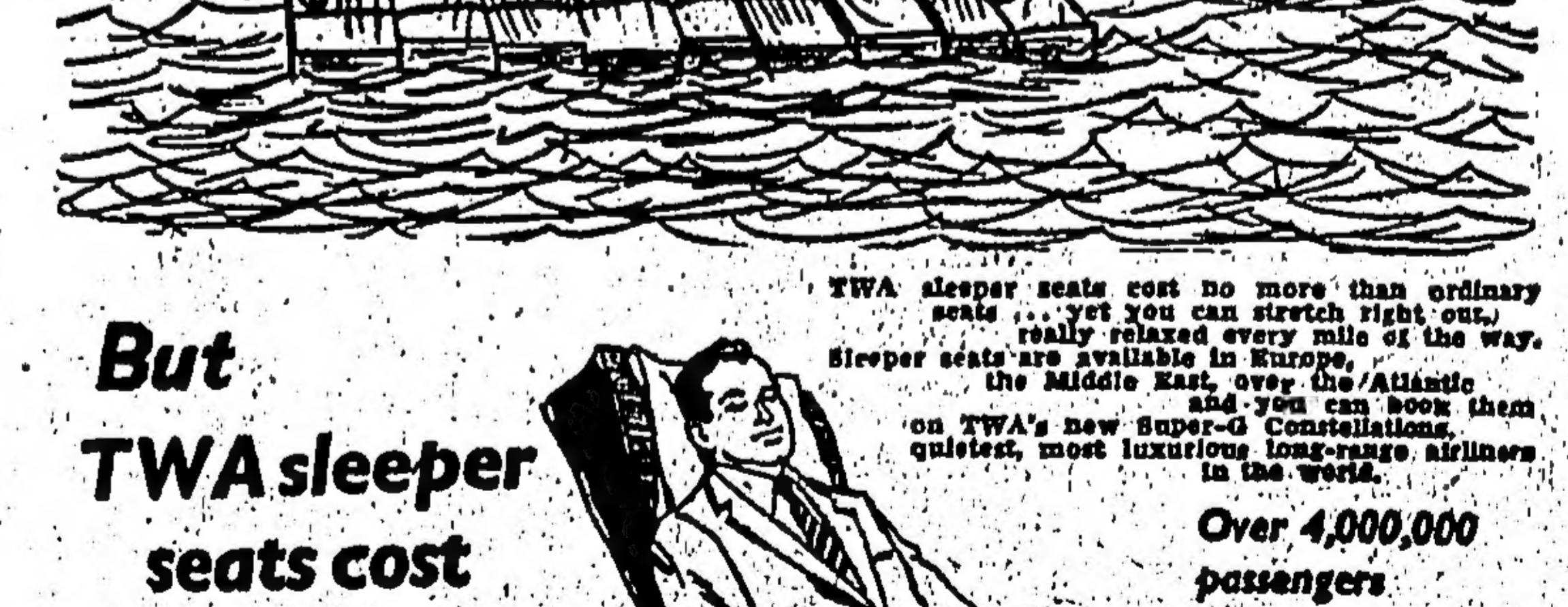
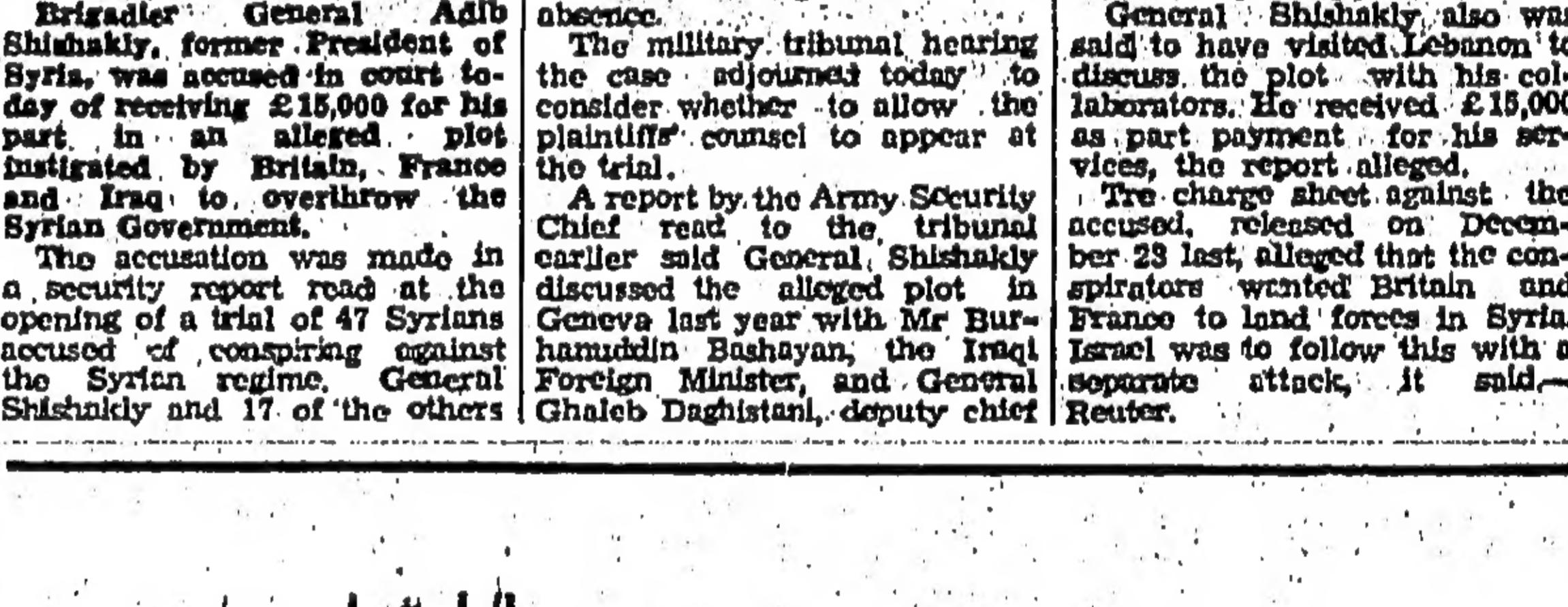
It was noted that Mr Chou might discuss some important economic questions with the Soviet leaders.

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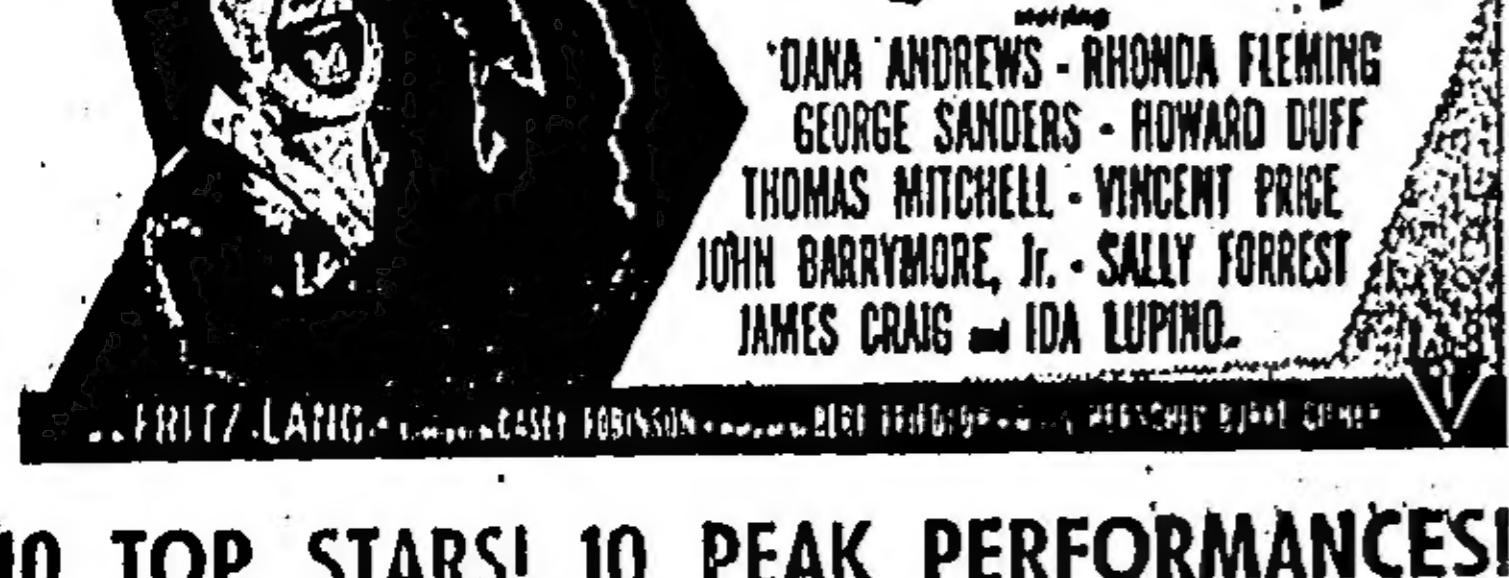
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The new line held by Israeli forces from El Arish on the Mediterranean to Tor at the entrance to the Gulf of Suez, the spokesman said. — Reuter.

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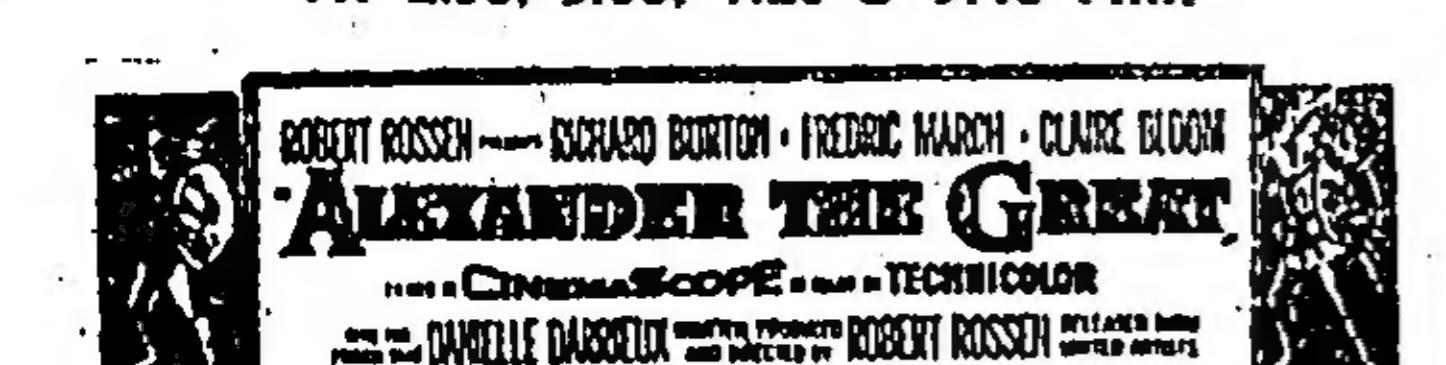
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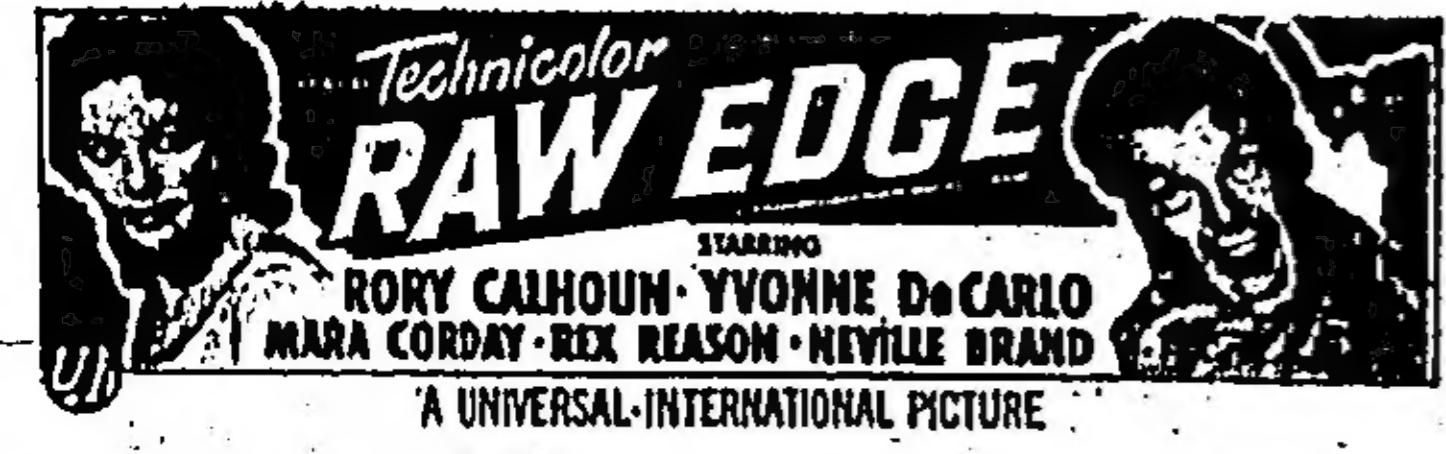
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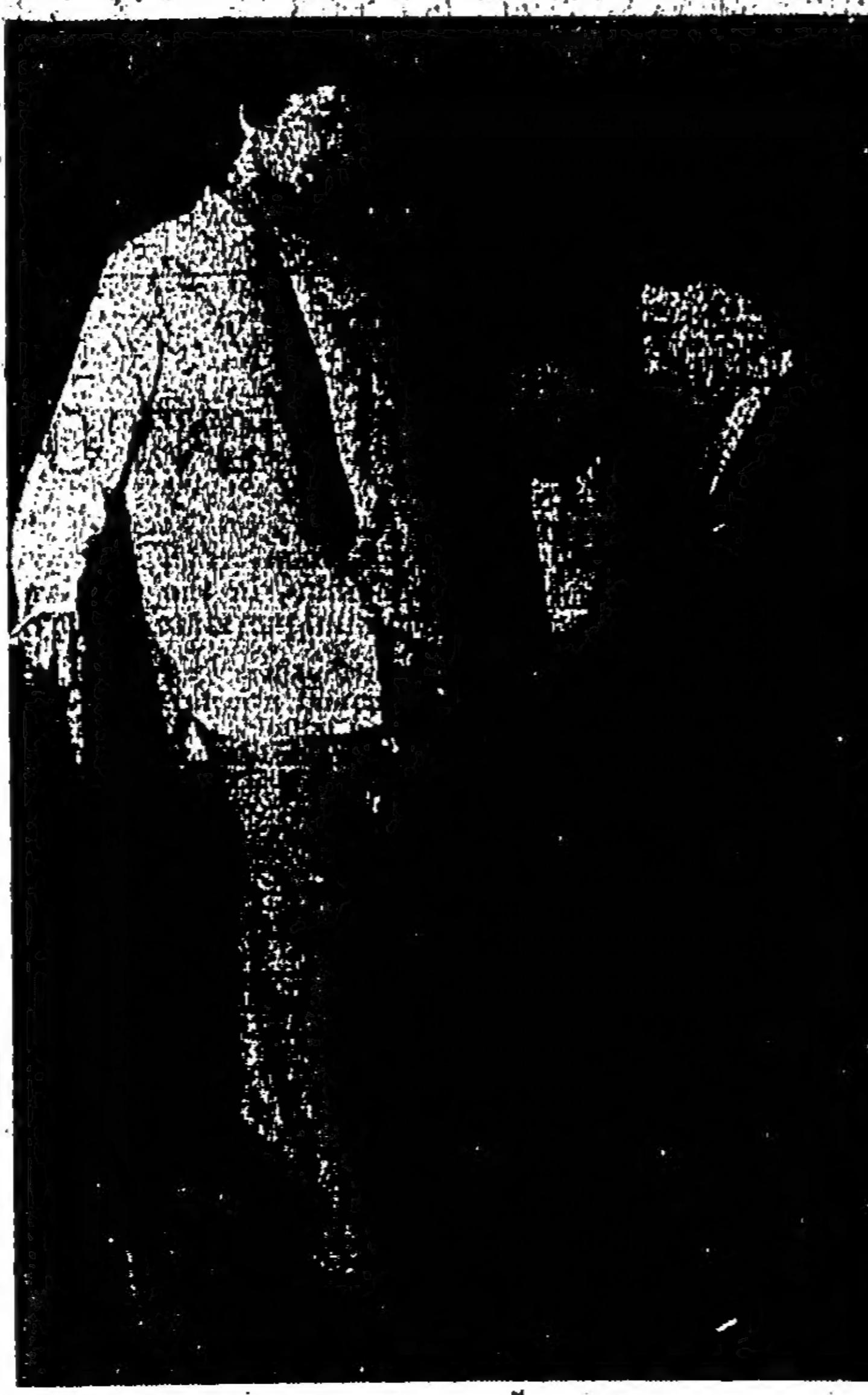


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## Cautious Execution Of Ike's Aid

## Not A Professor

AVOID IMPRESSION  
OF ARMS RACE  
IN MIDDLE EAST

By RALPH HARRIS

Washington, Jan. 8. State Department officials said today that President Eisenhower's military aid proposals for the Middle East would be executed cautiously to avoid even the impression that the United States was backing an arms race in the region.

The President's offer of this type of aid was linked with other proposals of his new Middle East policy calling on Congress to grant him advance authority to use economic and

military force if necessary to resist Communist aggression in the Middle East.

Authoritative sources today explained that the military aid offer did not necessarily envisage a significant increase in arms shipments to the Middle East.

They said the chief proposal now under study was that to bolster the region's defences against aggression, Middle East nations would receive United States arms as outright grants instead of paying cash under reimbursable arrangements.

Officials said the degree of assistance extended would depend on the amounts requested and the need of each nation for defensive arms.

The United States has limited the totals and types of "reimbursable" arms to states involved in the Arab-Israel dispute so as to avoid the possibility that defensive weapons might be used to settle old scores.

Nevertheless, United States officials are aware of the danger of upsetting the balance of power between Israel and the Arabs by taking measures specifically aimed at curbing the external Communist threat.

China Mail Special.

New York, Jan. 8. Dr. Mdali Floz Khan Noon, Pakistan Foreign Minister, arrived here by air today from London for discussions of the Kashmir issue at the United Nations Security Council next week.

The Foreign Minister made only a brief statement, saying "I came here to represent Pakistan in the discussions of the Kashmir question before the Security Council." —Reuter.

Check On Radiation  
In Foodstuffs

Washington, Jan. 8. Officials of the United States Public Health Service have begun a systematic check of the amounts of radiation which may be found in food served to citizens of the nation in their homes or restaurants, it was reported today.

Public Health Commissioner George P. Larrick disclosed the food check plan, which he said is part of the Government's services to the people in the new atomic age.

He explained that plants and animals in various parts of the nation absorb radiation in varying amounts, and the Government has felt it advisable to begin a check on how much radiation there is in such food as a public health protection measure.

Larrick said that United States canning companies have been solicited for their co-operation in obtaining samples of food packed in the year 1945.

He also said that samples would be taken from different parts of the nation to see what differences develop, if any, in geographical areas.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the Atomic Energy Commission has also been taking samples of the amount of radiation in food in different parts of the United States and to some extent in other parts of the world. This was part of its test of the amount of radiation from atomic fallout after explosions set off in Western United States and in the Bikini-Eniwetok area of the Pacific Ocean.

As a first step to establish a basis of measurement, the Government is sending samples of foods which were canned in the year 1945.

Commissioner Larrick explained that 1945 is regarded as the year one in the atomic age. Food packed in years since then will be checked against food packed that year to see if there is any significantly larger amount of atomic radiation entered into it.

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## Disclaimed

Samples of food, soil, air and water have been taken. So far, officials have disclosed only findings of dangerous amounts of radiation in one part of the world that could affect citizens of any nation. —United Press.

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# RUSSIA THANKFUL FOR CHINA'S SUPPORT ON HUNGARY

## TRIAL OF RANKING SYRIANS

Moscow, Jan. 8.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister today told the visiting Chinese delegation headed by Mr Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister "we highly value the attitude taken by you in relation to the Counter-revolutionary putsch in Hungary."

"Your complete support and your efforts aimed at unmasking imperialist intrigues in Eastern Europe were of great help to us and to the whole international Communist movement."

The visiting delegation was attending a luncheon.

In his reply Mr Chou said:

"Should we abandon the principles of Marxism-Leninism or regard them as more dogma instead of as guidance for action, we may commit the mistake of revisionism or dogmatism..."

### Own Experience

"From our own experience we have learned that unity inside parties, unity among Communist governments and parties of all countries, is the most important condition for achieving victory in our common cause of Communism building."

"Imperialism is seeking an opportunity to carry out undermining activities against us. To conquer our enemy we must strengthen the unity of the Socialist camp, headed by the Socialist Union."

"The aim of our visit to the Soviet Union is precisely the further strengthening of the closest possible unity between our two states. The great friendship of our countries is eternal and indestructible."

Earlier Chou received a rousing ovation when he was presented by "Father Frost"—the Russian equivalent of Santa Claus—to 12,000 children and adults attending a New Year tree celebration at Moscow's New Lenin Arena.

Also presented by Father Frost was East German Premier, Otto Grotewohl. Accompanying the Chinese and East German Premiers were Soviet Foreign Minister, Dimitri Sheplov, the Communist Party leader for the Moscow region, Madame Ekatrina Furlova, and Vice-Ministers Valerian Zorin and Nikolai Fedorenko.

### Enjoyed Spectacle

Chou appeared to enjoy greatly the spectacle of the more than 80 foot high New Year tree and the arrival of Father Frost and "Snow White" in the arena—a Russian troika, drawn by three horses.

Also on the programme were a number of legendary Russian heroes—such as Don Quixote and the Three Musketeers.

Chou received another ovation when he left the arena—France-Presse.

### Struck Hard Blow

Paris, Jan. 8.

THE Budapest newspaper Nepezbadasa, organ of Hungarian Socialist Workers' (Communist) Party, today acknowledged that recent events in Hungary "had struck a hard blow at the community of Socialist countries."

The article, quoted by the Hungarian press agency, was the newspaper's first commentary on last week's meeting of political and government leaders of five Communist countries.

The newspaper said: "This is the first time in the history of the people's democracies that a movement had been openly unleashed against the workers' power."

"Acting on the basis of a new phenomenon, a party and government representatives of the countries most directly concerned were obliged to meet in order to draw the lessons which resulted from this fact."

The newspaper expressed confidence that Poland, which was not represented at last week's meeting would rally to Hungary's support along with China and East Germany.

The paper added: "It is the stand taken by these countries, and we state it clearly, their military force, which has prevented the fulfillment of the projects of aggressive imperialist circles."

### De Beers Up Diamond Prices

New York, Jan. 8.

De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd., world's largest producer of diamonds, has increased the price of rough gem diamonds imported into the United States by 7½ per cent it was disclosed here today.

The increase is the first since January, 1955, when prices were pushed up 5 per cent and probably will be passed on in higher costs of the polished gem. The cost of a rough diamond in 10 to 20 per cent of the retail price of a diamond.

No reason was given for the increase, but it probably reflects higher costs in mining the stones. Most of the world's diamonds are mined in the Union of South Africa. Smaller amounts come from the Belgian Congo and other scattered regions in Africa.

Disclosure of the De Beers' action was made by Arthur S. Hirsch counsel for the Diamond Manufacturers and Importers Association of America.

In addition to the 7½ per cent increase for US imports, De Beers also is raising prices 2½ to five per cent for Europe.

—United Press.

### Undeclared Boa

Lugano, Jan. 8.

Customs officials, investigating the contents of a case of bananas from Guatemala, discovered something not declared on the invoice—a box containing three horses.

However, it was a rather small box, and sluggish in the cold weather. It was captured without difficulty and turned over to the School of Natural Sciences in Lugano.—France-Presse.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3. Archbishops (8).
- 8. Difficult (4).
- 9. Soldiers (8).
- 11. Entire (8).
- 12. Telephone inventor (4).
- 15. When to wad at sea? (8).
- 18. Attempting (8).
- 19. Repeat (4).
- 21. Discourses (8).
- 23. Bundles of documents (8).
- 25. Cultivate (4).
- 27. Come together (8).

### DOWN

- 1. Smart (4).
- 2. Stuff (4).
- 4. Uncommon (4).
- 5. Shift (4).
- 6. Tent part (4).
- 7. Rope-fibre (5).
- 9. Tableware (6).
- 10. Details (6).
- 11. Slackens (8).
- 12. Crime discovered because cleric lost his head? (6).
- 21. Matric (4).
- 22. Dope (4).
- 23. Way out (4).
- 24. Sediment (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Seats, 4. Puffs, 7. Irritate, 8. Curts, 9. Latent, 11. Lessons, 13. Slander, 15. Evince, 18. Lapse, 19. Attracts, 20. Notes, 21. Dreary. Down: 1. Spill, 2. Agile, 3. Sterile, 4. Precise, 6. Fourteen, 8. Sensors, 10. Triplet, 12. Prostrate, 13. Solemn, 14. Drowsy, 17. Sore.

## FORMER AGENT MURDERED

Nicosia, Jan. 8.

THE story of a former British intelligence agent's secret service for the Cypriot extremists and his death at their hands was revealed here tonight in a radio broadcast by his brother.

Greek Cypriot Paraskevas Lazaros, speaking over the British-controlled Cyprus radio, said his brother Andreas was murdered by extremists.

Andreas had asked extremist leader Col George Grivas for permission to give up Nicosia activity and go to London to obtain a better living, his brother said.

Lazaros said his brother was threatened with murder by the extremists in January 1955 for his work with British Army service. He joined his brother after trying to quit the extremist organisation EOKA.

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## Edwardian Hollywood

## Bottled-up Ships Clear Suez

Port Said, Jan. 8.

An unlucky 13 ships steamed out of the Suez Canal today, the first to leave the bottled-up waterway since the Anglo-French invasion two months ago.

They had been stranded in mid-canal since November 1. A channel cleared by Anglo-French salvage engineers before the allied pull-out brought the 13 to the open sea here.

### The Rest

Third in the convoy was a Soviet tanker the Volga. Then came the European registered in Liberia, the British Panamanian, the Lemsterkirk, Holland, Dorado, Panama, Kyoto, Sweden; Amalfi Italy; Emma, Italy; Hektor, Norway; Amerigo, Italy, and Mano, Japan.

It was 0903 GMT when the ships nosed their way into the harbour past excited, waving Egyptians.—United Press.



### Still Plugged

But the southern end of the Canal is still plugged up—and though the estimates vary there is little prospect of reopening it to normal traffic before the middle of the year.

Egyptian pilot Mustafa Elwi led the parade past dangerous obstructions still in the Canal from the Farouk cut-off. He was aboard the Norwegian tanker Eli Knudsen.

Elwi brought the Knudsen along at 10 knots above the normal speed limit for the Canal. Officials said ships going that speed endanger the banks of the sand-bordered waterway but there was no reproach for the pilot.

"As long as the Canal is going to be dredged anyway, then we are allowing the ships to go out as fast as they can in order to get out of the Canal and out of Port Said today," a Canal official said.

After the Knudsen came the Cister Service tanker Statue of Liberty, under Liberian flag, and it signalled its new liberty with a long, shrill blast of its whistle all the way into Port Said.

### Noisy Salute

United Nations salvage vessels and tugs in the harbour here returned the noisy salute.

The exit was not as glorious as it sounded because the 13 ships still had not completed their voyage. They were headed south when the Anglo-French invasion signalled the scuttling of block-ships in the waterway.

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The departing ships had to ease carefully past El Kantara pontoon bridge, which Egyptian army engineers dismantled two days ago.

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Man-hunter Sauvage was on the trail again. This time he ran down his quarry in Venice. His "wanted man" was Dioclesides, a Greek doctor who lived in Rome under Emperor Claudius. "R" had copied the doctor's portrait from an ancient seal.

Sauvage has his answer and a painting worth several million francs (at least \$6,000).—France-Presse.

### Tragic Result

"Only those blind to those considerations can fail to see the tragic result of universal entrenchment," added Mr Maloles. "South Africa is confronted by a problem of survival and references to international jurisdiction or appeals to the Charter are so much water over the dam."

Mr Maloles said the Committee should determine whether the South African Government was to blame for measures calculated to ensure its political and racial integrity. He asked whether the Committee should insist on a political and economic equality for the great mass of coloured people in South Africa, which could well mean their political, economic and racial extinction.

Mr Maloles said that the cardinal point to be kept in mind was the welfare of the oppressed people of Indian and African origin in South Africa.

"In the view of my delegation," he said, "no useful purpose can be served if there is moral condemnation on the one hand and a demand for international jurisdiction on the other."

Position Worse

The past debates have not improved the position one way or another. India and Pakistan by their insistence of moral condemnation have only contributed to aggravate the situation. They have made the position worse.

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### Refugees Welcome

Manila, Jan. 8.

Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay told a press conference here that the Government would admit Hungarian refugees who might seek sanctuary here.

The President said that so far there had been no petition or application from the Association of Free Hungarians in the United States or from any other source about settling Hungarian refugees here.—Reuter.

## 40-Year Man-Hunt Over

Paris, Jan. 8.

Sylvain Sauvage, an impoverished French painter, ended a 40-year man-hunt—some millions of francs richer in consequence, it was learned here today.

Sauvage's man-hunt had one unique feature: The man he was hunting had been dead for centuries.

In 1937, Sauvage found an old painting in an antique shop in Bordeaux, whose owner was selling out. The painting was the portrait of a man, done by a master's hand, he was sure—but whose? The canvas was signed "R."

The owner was willing to sell this painting by an unknown artist of an unknown man for a few francs. And Sauvage's long search began. He became obsessed with the identity of "R" and became known in Bordeaux as "that madman with the painting."

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Man-hunter Sau



Tibetan pilgrims and priests at Kathmandu.

**I**t is winter in Kathmandu, but it feels more like spring. The morning mist has lifted and I am sitting out in the warm sun. A light breeze stirs the trees and the air is full of the raucous cries of rooks and jackdaws.

Great masses of woolly cloud are piled up high over the surrounding mountains. In the garden, flowers and shrubs are in bloom.

I have motored many hundreds of miles across India since leaving Delhi. When I reached Agra, it was already dark, but there was a half-moon, so having left my luggage at the hotel I set off to see the Taj Mahal. It is the most wonderful building I have ever seen. On pure white marble, it stands on the banks of the River Jumna, just outside the city. Beneath its spacious dome lie the bodies of Mumtaj Mahal and her husband, the Emperor Shah Jehan.

#### UNFORGETTABLE

The evening air was quite still. As I walked through the massive arched gateway into the garden, pale and shadowy apparition emerged from the darkness some way ahead. The shape of the Taj Mahal was just discernible, but it seemed, without solid form. The tall

minarets at each corner appeared to be suspended above the ground and the dome, softly brushed with moonlight, looked as if it were poised in mid-air above them.

It was an unforgettable impression, and I gazed with those who say that the Taj Mahal must be seen by moonlight.

As I drew closer, I was struck by its immense, harmonious proportions, of which no photograph I have ever seen gives any idea.

I walked slowly round the walls, which were still warm with the day's heat. Beyond, the waters of the Jumna were still and silvery in the moonlight.

#### THE TOMBS

Some cover-shoes were laced over my own before I was allowed to enter the mausoleum. The darkness inside was softened by the light of a single candle, which dimly revealed the marble walls and the white ceiling of the dome, eighty-five feet above. An old man was keeping watch beside the tombstones. In a whisper he described the echo which came from the dome. Then he looked up, and, raising his voice, gave a long cry, like the call of a muezzin. The sound filled the dome, reverberating back for fully fifteen seconds before it died away.

The tombstones are replicas of the actual tombs, which lie in a vault below. Round them is the most beautiful screen,

looking like ivory but carved out of solid marble and inlaid with precious stones in flower designs and writings from the Koran.

I was led down into the circular marble vault below. The tombs of the Emperor and his wife lay side by side. They were richly ornamented. That of Mumtaj Mahal was the smaller. When she died in 1631, Shah Jehan erected the Taj Mahal as her mausoleum. His intention was to build a similar one for himself on the opposite bank of the Jumna. But the scheme never materialised, and when in 1666 he also died, he was laid beside his wife.

No description, no photograph, could ever do justice to the Taj Mahal. It must be seen, and above all, seen by moonlight, to be believed.

Next morning, I was filling up with petrol when a snake charmer appeared with a sackful of snakes and a mongoose. He offered a snake-dance for five rupees, and a fight between snake and mongoose for ten. I settled for a combined display at seven rupees, but quite frankly I don't think I got my money's worth.

#### DUSTY BATTLE

TWO cobras and a krait—the most deadly snakes in India—were tipped out of the sack. The cobra swayed nonchalantly for a few minutes to "The Campbells Are Coming." It was played in squeaky tones on a bamboo pipe. Another cobra was set face to face with the mongoose, but it was apparently no game and gave in without a struggle. The mongoose looked distinctly bored.

Then a krait, yellow and evil-looking—I nearly said venomous,

but of course the venom, like the teeth of the mongoose, had been drawn—slithered up to the tough, fury little creature and, raising itself slantways, leered a challenge at it. This was to much for the mongoose, who pounced on the krait and seized its head in his jaws. After a writhing, dusty little battle, in which the cobras tied them selves up into inextricable knots, the mongoose was declared the winner and the show was over.

I went to look at Taj Mahal once more. It glittered in the bright sun, dazzling white and magnificence yet robed, I thought, of the magic which the moonlight casts upon it.

#### BLOCKED ROAD

THREADING my way through the crowded streets of Agra I headed towards Khanpur (Cawnpore). Soon after passing Malpuri I got completely stuck in a country village and was held up for over a quarter of an hour, wedged between two bullock carts, while half a dozen others blocked the road in front. Their drivers were all arguing fiercely with one another and refusing to budge.

There was nothing to do but wait while crowds of villagers stood about the car and looked in, not without sympathy, at my plight. At last the cart in front gave a little jerk, and we began to inch our way forward.

You may think you're an amateur, but you begin to feel you're a genius if you get through an Indian village unscathed. Added to the jumble of camels and tongas, bullock carts and tricycle-rickshaws, with a thick seeding of pedestrians, came a fresh hazard—elephants. I must say, however, that their traffic sense is excellent and they amble along polished, keeping well in to their side of the road.

Twenty-four miles from Khanpur I had a puncture and it was already dark when I found myself filtering through the seething traffic, searching

for the Burmah-Shell Company's Rest House. It was a most rewarding find, and I spent a very comfortable night—much needed, for the strain of the journey is beginning to tell. But there's nothing like a good sleep for relieving that leaden sense of fatigue which weighs so remorselessly upon one.

The journey next day took me from Khanpur through Allahabad to Benares, the holy city of the Hindus. The roads between these cities are good, but narrow, so that you have to drive off on to the dusty side track in order to pass another vehicle. One meets dew carts, but there are scores and scores of bullock-carts which ramble along sleepily as if the Grand Trunk Road were reserved entirely for them.

However, I stick to the slogan which I saw inscribed in large capitals on the back of a country bus, "Horn Please." It said So I horned and kept on horning, and by the time I was level with the bus the driver heard me and, swerving gracefully off the road he—and the passengers—waved me on.

With bullock carts there is always a hideous element of doubt. You horn and when you are at point blank range, the driver wakes up and springs adroitly from a recumbent position in the back of the cart into the driver's seat. He flays the growly bullocks with his stick and they, often more alarmed by your approach than by the blows to which they are well accustomed, veer suddenly to one side or the other, as the spirit moves them.

#### AT THE GHAT

AT the moment you must act quickly. There is no question of finger-tip control, as the advertisements call it, but a violent wrenching of the wheel as you alter course in the opposite direction.

That night of Benares I had little sleep. The night was full of the barking of frightened pye-dogs and the dismal, unearthly wailing of jackals. To add to my discomfort the man

## Lands Of Priests And Pilgrims

In the room next door began snoring and coughing in the early hours. He was still comatose when at 5.30 I got up. I had planned an early visit to the bathing-ghats on the banks of the Ganges, and arrived just as the sun was rising. It cast a pale yellow streak across the grey water which, despite the chilly air, was quite warm.

There was a crowded scene at the ghat where I embarked in a rowing-boat. Beggars, some of them horribly maimed, sat about on the broad steps of the ghat. Pilgrims were in the act of undressing and preparing to enter the holy waters. Some had already begun the ritual cleansing, wading in waist-deep before immersing themselves completely beneath the surface. Straightening up their dripping bodies, they stood scooping up the water in their hands, which they held out before them in a gesture of offering. Thus they remained for some moments dacing the sun, with eyes closed and lips moving in silent prayer.

#### QUITE PURE

AMONG the pilgrims were men and women, both young and old, strong and feeble. There were many priests, too, seated on little platforms beneath large wicker parasols. Some were blessing the pilgrims who came to them; others sat immobile, deep in meditation, a sublime expression of detachment upon their features.

The boat glided along past the burning ghats. Smoke was rising slowly into the morning air. Two bodies, wrapped in white linen cloth, lay near by. They looked so intent and irrelevant in the land of the living, waiting for the flames to consume them, and leave nought but their ashes to be scattered on the waters.

Stacked up on the banks above the ghats were rows of pink stone slabs. The bodies of lepers, sufferers from smallpox and children under five are not burnt. Indeed they are tied to a stone slab and sunk in mid-stream.

It is apparently true, though difficult to believe, that the waters of the Ganges are quite pure.

Lugubrious as this burial procedure may sound I did not get that impression. It seemed to fit most naturally into this scene of religious fervour, where the sun shone down and the broad and placid waters of the holy river flowed on to cleanse the living and carry the souls of the dead upon their way.

#### HOLY PLACE

I LEFT the banks of the Ganges and motored to the town of Sarnath, five miles away. Sarnath is a holy place of the Buddhists. It was here that the Gautama Buddha, the 2,500th anniversary of whose birth is being celebrated this year, preached his first sermon. An ancient red brick tower stands over the sacred spot, and near by is a modern temple.

I took off my shoes and entered. Round the walls were paintings illustrating scenes from the life of the Buddha, and I was surprised at the resemblance which some of them bore to scenes in the story of Christ.

On the way to the temple I had passed a group of Tibetan pilgrims, and now they were arriving and crowding into the temple. A priest struck a heavy brass bell with a slow measured beat and it boomed out a welcome.

They were a cheerful lot, dark-skinned and weather-beaten, dressed in leather jackets and trousers of thickly woven tweed. The women—and some of the older men—wore some of the older men—wore their hair in a long plait.

"One old man was walking round and round the temple

spinning his praying-wheel and muttering. Suddenly he stopped opposite me and, with a disarming smile, demanded "Baksheesh." I couldn't help feeling this was rather an irreverent request in the midst of his devotions. Still, he had his reward.

The road from Benares to Patna was simply swarming with people—walking, bicycling in rickshaws, tongas and bullock-carts. Some were even being carried in litter, borne by four very men. Half walking, half running, they advanced at a surprising pace.

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We flew in low over the mountains of Nepal. "It could be a hazardous flight in bad weather," I said to the pilot. "You're right," he replied, "and we don't even try it."

We followed a valley where the mountain tops sometimes rose above us, and then, passing between two great promontories of rock, followed another valley. At the far end of it Kathmandu was just visible.

I was leaning over the pilot's shoulder as we approached to land. "We had a prang here a few weeks ago," he said. "Well, don't let's have another," I replied. His landing was irreproachable.

#### THE GURKHAS

I HAVE been in Kathmandu for three days and it has been a short but delightful holiday. It is extraordinary how quiet the streets are after an Indian town. There are no tengas and no rickshaws—only a few motor-cars, most of them old towng models with hoods. There is a smell and a feel in the fresh clean air which is familiar. Is it Switzerland or is it the Highlands of Scotland? I don't know; perhaps it is something between the two.

The city stands round a great square of grass—it is more like a vast lawn. People sit about basking in the sun and chatting. A few are trading in goats and sheep, which have been driven in from the mountains. They are terribly hard and tough, these mountain people. Small of stature and barefooted, you see them, men and women and even children, bent beneath great loads of wood which they sell, taking back provisions for the



Benares . . . Indians bathing in the Ganges.

is three miles wide at Patna and the car can be ferried across. On the far side it is a hand across their foreheads. Gurkha soldiers—those sturdy, indomitable fighters—march briskly about their duties, while boys and girls in little groups play marbles or hopscotch in the streets.

Around Kathmandu are numerous temples, both Buddhist and Hindu. You are not allowed to enter the Hindu temples, though you have visited many and seen an extraordinary wealth of architecture and carvings. Some are quite grotesque, though no more so than the gargoyles on Christian cathedrals, and all have a religious significance.

#### GREAT TEMPLE

CLIMBED up the long steep steps to the Buddhist temple of Swayambhu Nath. Monkeys swing out of the bushes and performed the most ridiculous capers, grasping the railings and sliding down them with a dexterity no small boy could ever match.

They swarmed quite freely round the temple buildings, but no one, not even the praying priest, seemed the least bit disturbed.

The great temple was a splendid sight. Coloured flags and bunting were strung from its high pinnacles and fluttered in the breeze. Pilgrims walked about in little crowds around its circular base, while priests were at worship, some prostrating themselves, some seated and spinning their praying wheels.

The lame was seated in a little shrine where a hundred candles flickered. He swayed gently from side to side as he chanted his prayers.

#### EVEREST

MY gaze was riveted on the peak which the pilot was pointing out to me. He guided me along the range, then, "that one," he said, "next to the one with a shadow on it, that's Everest." Even at such a great distance it looked superb, with a cloud, like a great white plume, at its summit.

To our left, Annapurna raised its huge bulk above the cloud layer. I wished we could have stayed for a longer look, but we were steadily nearing the clouds, and as we flew beneath them the Himalayas faded from our view.

Many of the pilgrims and priests are Tibetans. Lhasa, the capital, is about ten days' march north through the mountains. Most of them have come by this route, to be at Kathmandu in time for the visit of the Dalai Lama.

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## NATHANIEL CUBBINS

In the manner of Clerihew Bentley: Christmas pud Never seems to do people much good, And large helpings of Foster Dulles hasn't got a hope.

I doubt if we shall be very happy in the spring or in new summer raiments On account of adverse balance of payments. Even if it is warm and sunny we shall only frown Because importers are up and export down. And even pictures of American film girls with curves Won't make us happy without dollar reserves.

But in the autumn we shall look forward to Christmas 1957 As another glimpse of a phony heaven. And do ourselves no good. With more Christmas pud, And drink whisky cocktails, followed by champagne, Though we said we'd never do it again; And stay up far too late. To wish each other a happy 1958—

So life goes on and on and on. What fun, what fun, what fun.

Champagne again? Those who were dreaming of a white Christmas by hook or by crook, certainly got it in the neck! And those who read that a turkey would be cheaper than a ham.

Didn't think it very funny. When they found out They had to pay the same old price per lb.

People who have been anywhere near the Nile will tell you that a Gypco will double-cross his own mother with a smile. As those boys are pretty hot, they had to pay the same old price per lb.

The spirit of good will Does not abide briefly, when you are feeling ill. In other words it's hard to be plied.

When your stomach's full of acid.

This may be why the spirit didn't shine too good In Hollywood, Where, after a Christmas party, Paul Brinkman socked Homer Rhodes good and hearty.

They say it was about a girl called Jeanne Crain. Though I think they had been drinking whisky cocktails, followed by champagne. You'd think by now that even an ape would know that spirit distilled from grain does not mix with grape.

And makes people bellicose. And want to punch each other on the nose.

Therefore I don't believe they fought about Jenny or any other girl. But because their tumms were in a whirl.

Anyway, after seeing Jenny's picture, I wouldn't care to be in a mix. On her account, even if her measurements are 36-23-36, though I must admit I could go.

For Marilyn Monroe. With her I would never feel plied.

But my stomach full of alkaline and not acid.

Which is saying a lot. Despite his double-cross and his own mother with a smile.

Which is saying a lot. Does not abide briefly, when you are feeling ill.

So life goes on and on and on. What fun, what fun, what fun.

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## This Funny World



"Guess it's about quitting time"

## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

BORN today, you have soaring ambitions and the energy to work hard at achieving them. Self-assured and confident, you stride ahead with full confidence that you can get exactly what you want out of life. You don't know what it means to hesitate over making a decision, for you have the ability to arrange the facts so that they psychological effect of having balanced all opinions is an excellent method of getting wholehearted co-operation from your workers. Procrastination is a word outside of your experience. What needs to be done, you accomplish with dispatch and accuracy.

You are of your own judgment and usually right. You like your independence, yet it is easier to persuade others of this if you use a little more tact in presenting your

plans. Make it a point, at least, to listen to both sides of the question before giving orders. Then, instead of "ordering" something to be done, suggest that it be done. If suggestions fail, then there is time enough to turn to the strict disciplinarian. As a rule, you find that the psychological effect of having balanced all opinions is an excellent method of getting wholehearted co-operation from your workers.

March or November.

It is likely that an early marriage is in store for you. You are often surrounded by members of your own family. You do enjoy their love and devotion as well as their praise, when you do a good job. Try to pursue a wife who shares your ambitions; your marriage can be an exceptionally happy and successful one.

Among those born on this date were: William Harvey, scientist; Carrie Chapman Catt, reformer; Thomas Brown and Lancelot Abercrombie, poets; John K. McClure, noted editor; Lemuel Shaw, Justic Joseph Willard, educator; Richard Halliburton, explorer-author; Grace Zaring Stone, author; and Valma Duray, actress.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

PUT yourself in the West seat for today's hand and defend against the contract of four spades. If you come up with the right answer you can shake hands with Harry J. Fishbein, New York expert, who made the right play when this famous hand was played some years ago.

Fishbein led the queen of clubs, holding the first trick. He continued with another club, and his partner won with the king.

**NORTH** 13  
♦ A 7 6 2  
♥ Q 5 4  
♦ K 9 3  
♦ 10 6 3  
  
**WEST** EAST  
♦ Q 4      ♠ 10 3  
♥ 5 3      ♠ 10 9  
♦ A Q J 10 6 4      ♠ 8 7 5 2  
♦ Q 5      ♠ A K 9 7 2  
  
**SOUTH** (D)  
♦ A K 9 8 5  
♥ A K 8 7 2  
♦ None  
♦ 10 8 4  
Neither side vul.  
  
**South** West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
Pass  
Opening lead—♦ Q

East then led the ace of clubs and South followed suit with the jack.

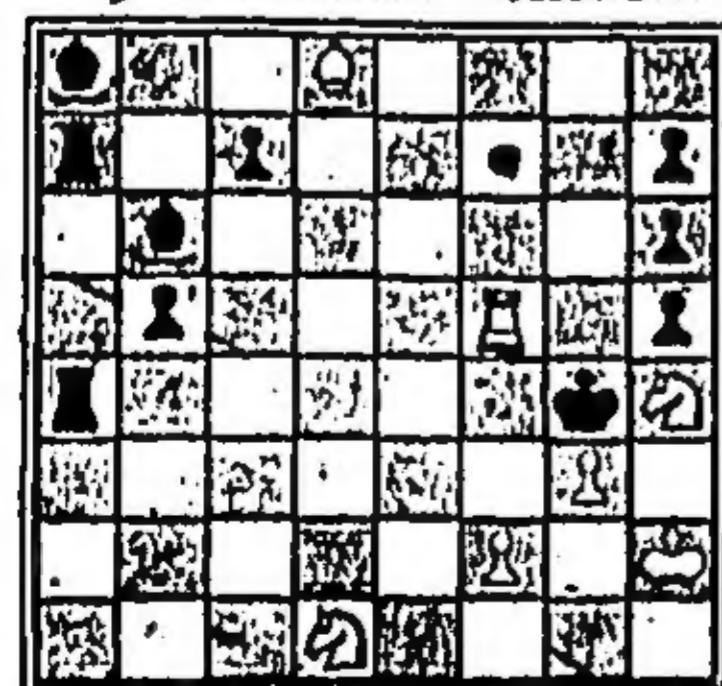
It is now your turn to make a discard from the West hand. What discard do you choose?

Fishbein discarded the ace of diamonds. Since he had bid diamonds, he knew that this would not be regarded as a singleton ace. Since dummy had the king of diamonds, moreover, it was clear that Fishbein could not be encouraging a diamond return.

This amazing discard was the one way to make sure that East didn't try to win a diamond trick by shifting to that suit. East was obliged to lead another club, and now Fishbein was sure to make a trick with his queen of spades. This defeated the contract.

## CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEEN



A problem by P. C. Abbury-Smith (*Time and Tide*, 1955). White mates in two.

*Solution to yesterday's problem:*

1. KtxPch; 2. PxKt, Q-Jmch; 3. K-E1, B-B1.

## CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:  
South West North East  
I Heart Pass 3 Clubs Pass

You, South, hold:  
♦ A ♦ K ♦ Q ♦ 8 ♦ 7 ♦ 6 ♦ 5 ♦ 4 ♦ 2 ♦  
What do you do?  
A—Hold four hearts. Show the solidity of the suit and leave the first slam move to partner.

**TODAY'S QUESTION**  
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

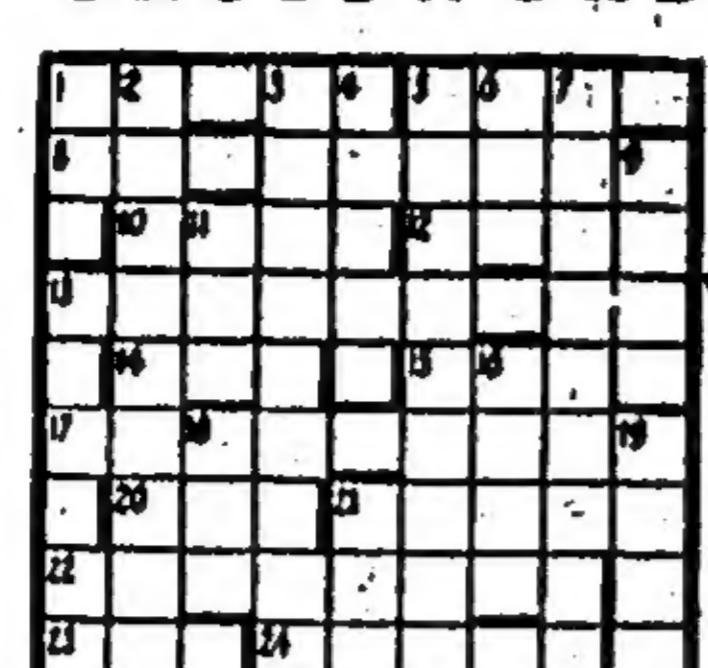
♦ A ♦ K ♦ Q ♦ 8 ♦ 7 ♦ 6 ♦ 5 ♦ 4 ♦ 2 ♦  
What do you do?

*Answer Tomorrow*

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## CROSSWORD



Down:  
1. Pedagogic sort of snake (13);  
2. I'm a machine (10);  
3. Put out by someone with something to say (11);  
4. I'm up to between a shooting and a peanvy (10);  
5. Materialistic (9);  
6. I'm not this, maybe, with a scrub (13);  
7. Mandy gets a rota in reverse (13);  
8. I'm a bit of a wimp (4);  
11. Time in (13);  
12. Partner for (11);  
13. Kind of Driewich (13);  
14. I'm from (13);  
15. To make them meet (4);  
21. The girl in (13).  
Yesterday's solution: T-A-R-G-E-T.

134,721 different wines is to taste over Louis Lemaire's "Atlas de la France Viticole," one of my proudest possessions. You can imagine that you are walking slowly up wine-lit after wine-lit, stopping to taste here, there (and everywhere). I once walked the Cote d'Or vineyard by vineyard nosing (and mouthful) my way through the immortal villages which have added so much to the happiness of mankind. Today I still meet people who write that a certain dish was "washed down with" this or that wine, as though the belly were a dirty garage wall, and a bottle of wine a painful of water.

Across:  
1. It has hidden depths (5);  
8. Chartered accountant member of Parliament (14);  
10. I may describe an estate (4);  
12. Silver of Ireland (4);  
13. I'm a good argument (11);  
14. Miss West the life-saver (8);  
15. Immature when young did head (12);  
16. Another end (13);  
21. The man in Esperanto name (6);  
22. The lowest thing in the H.A.V. (3);  
24. Beware! (6).

Down:  
1. Pedagogic sort of snake (13);  
2. I'm a machine (10);  
3. Put out by someone with something to say (11);  
4. I'm up to between a shooting and a peanvy (10);  
5. Materialistic (9);  
6. I'm not this, maybe, with a scrub (13);  
7. Mandy gets a rota in reverse (13);  
8. I'm a bit of a wimp (4);  
11. Time in (13);  
12. Partner for (11);  
13. Kind of Driewich (13);  
14. I'm from (13);  
15. To make them meet (4);  
21. The girl in (13).  
Yesterday's solution: T-A-R-G-E-T.

EVERY financial or fiscal measure which seeks to check the interim loss of revenue must be based on a contingent increase in decreased availability of money for the overall consumer. What this means, in words of one syllable, is that the deficiency gapping between totalled expenditure and residual assets can only be bridged by an incremental increase in contributory levies spread over public services, trade, industry, and private emolument. In proportion as the monetized resources of the national Exchequer become more exiguous, the necessity of supplementing the diminished funds results in pecuniary measures designed to extract superfluous income and capital from all users of currency.

Review of the situation (by "CITICUS")

By GARRY C. MYERS, PH.D.

## WOMANSENSE

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## How To Be Helpful When Baby Learns To Talk

By GARRY C. MYERS, PH.D.

We little realize what a prodigious achievement learning to speak is for a young child. For an adult to learn one or several foreign languages is not comparable in difficulty.

From early infancy the baby hits on more and more sounds by trial and error. By age 6, he discovers that some of these sounds are the ones he hears from older persons relating to familiar things or experiences. His parents are pleased. They smile approval and often repeat them after the child.

In the meanwhile, the infant has learned to imitate movements he sees and sounds he hears. Most of his speech is learned by imitation. Not only may he imitate words and phrases and sentences which he hears, he also may imitate the motions of our mouths as we say them. So he is helped by what he hears and sees.

In your effort to be companionable with the baby and young child, you may be inclined to indulge unwisely in baby talk and repeat his infantile sounds and expressions.

Try to say correctly, over and over again, in rhymes and stories, the sounds and words with which he has difficulty.

Even at five or six he may have trouble making correct sounds of s, sh, ch, l, r. He may substitute the sound of t for k; i, s or f for th; d for g; w for r; r for l. He may have trouble with the blends as fl, fr, sl, sn, sm, sk, st, bl, br.

Don't interrupt him to correct him. Be so skillful as to cause him to feel comfortable as he tries to imitate your sounds and lip movements in making them.

## Household Hints

If you file recipes or index cards, give them a thin coating of white shellac to protect them from food stains.

Wash dark cottons separately so they won't pick up lint.

Cucumbers make a tasty cocktail-time dip. Peel and cut cucumbers into squares and spear each square with a toothpick. Serve them with a dip made with heavy sour cream mixed with a dash of basil and some fresh dill seed.

## FRUIT-FILLED COOKIES

By ALICE DENHOFF

OUR mode of living

changes with the seasons. For example, the delicious aromas wafting in from the kitchen give some inkling of the new activity taking place there and remind us it's baking time again.

If you persist in this innocent nonsense, I'm afraid I must ring off. Now, your name please?"

"So Wat."

"I asked for your name. Please do not waste my time."

"I told you. So Wat."

"You did not tell me. Now, what is your name?"

"So Wat."

"If you persist in this innocent nonsense, I'm afraid I must ring off. Now, your name please?"

"So Wat."

"So go to the devil!"

Making up a batch of cookies is a long process but well worth the effort.

Here is a recipe for an unusual cookie filled with cherries.

To make about 80, sift

2 c. sifted all-purpose flour,

1 1/2 tsp. baking powder, and

1/2 tsp. salt together.

Soften 1/2 c. butter or

margarine and combine

with 1 c. sugar, beating

until mixed and fluffy.

Add 1 slightly beaten egg, 1/2

grated lemon peel and 1/2

tsp. orange-cherry

mixture. Top with remaining

rounds and seal edges. Place

on ungreased baking sheets and bake at 400° F. 12 to 15 min. or until lightly browned.

Roll dough out on lightly floured board to 1/4-in. thickness, then cut in 2-in. rounds.

Combine 1/2 c. finely chopped whole orange and 1/2 c. finely chopped maraschino cherries (about 24). Mix thoroughly.

Top half of the rounds with 1 rounded tsp. orange-cherry mixture. Top with remaining rounds and seal edges. Place

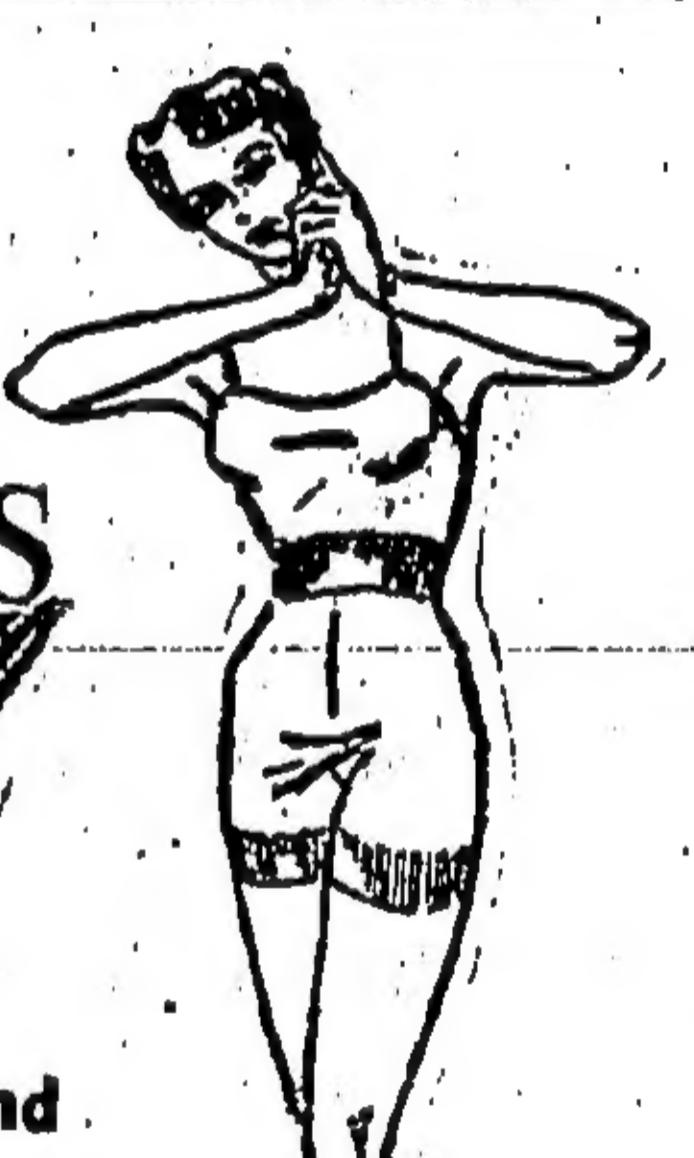
on ungreased baking sheets and bake at 400° F. 12 to 15 min. or until lightly browned.

Add sifted ingredients. Mix well and chill.

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The spot of honour this week is reserved for that very popular sportsman, Major John Ledsham, RA. Besides the cares of Secretaryship of Army Rugger, he has also controlled the destinies of the Army Rugby Union Referees Society, and has refereed many of the Colony and Services matches.

I often wonder what makes people take up the administrative side of a sport, carrying as it does so often all of the kicks and none of the halfpence! In this case I know the answer—a deep love for the game. Having played for Roslyn Park, his unit, and taken over the captaincy of the Rhine Army team, he was finally selected for an England trial, the height of the ambition of all players next to an actual cap.

At this stage disaster struck on the Hongkong Signal Rgt. and an unfortunate and serious accident put him out of this trial and made further participation as a player of Rugby impossible.

This blow could well have caused many players but John fought back and achieved the next best thing to playing, which is refereeing, and is now a very capable Class One referee.

As you are leaving the Colony very shortly to return to Britain, I would on behalf of all Rugger enthusiasts thank you, John, for all the hard work you have given so willingly to Rugger and its referees. Bon Voyage and, having indeed International honours as a player, may we see you gain them as a referee, and we all look forward to seeing you at Twickenham in the not too distant future.

#### NEW SECRETARY

The new Secretary of Army Rugby will be Major Trevor Griffiths, RAOC, better known perhaps as an above average golfer. He is located in 'Orl' Branch HQRLF. The control of Referees will be in the capable hands of Lieut (Q.M.) Courtney, RE, of 24 Field Engineers Regt., RE.

The second semi-final of the Knock-out competitions between 27 HAA Rgt, RA and 24 Field Engineer Rgt, RE saw the Gunners maintaining my shaky reputation as a forecaster when they emerged victors by nine points to nil after a hard but rather scrappy game. The Artillery now meet the 7 Hussars in the Hongkong zone final.

By kind permission of the Commissioner of Police this will be held on the Police ground at Boundary Street on Wednesday, January 16, commencing at 15.00 hrs. It is hoped that General and Mrs Stratton may be able to attend what promises to be a hard fought struggle for the premier local award in this sport.

The Plate competition for teams knocked out in the preliminary rounds is nearing its conclusion, and with REME beating 7 Hussars "B" team by 12-6 the draw for the semi-final is 15 Medium Rgt, RA v. REME and 19 Field Rgt, RA v. Green Howards or HQRLF.

It looks as if my prediction that the Mediums and Green Howards would meet in the final will come true. If so, it will be a really class match, one worth going a distance to see, and I have a feeling that the winners of this game will want to try conclusions with the competition winner just to prove that their earlier defeat was bad luck.

#### MINOR UNITS HOCKEY

Hockey is recovering after its seasonal lay-off, and the Minor Units League has produced several matches during the week with some surprise results. HMAS "Tunis" have done a COD a good turn by defeating District Workshops REME by 5-3 after a hard and enjoyable game.

The Ordnance boys are now a point ahead and appear to have an easier programme of matches still to play. Workshops having been on top for so long are bound to put up a strong fight to recapture this position, whilst HQRE are not yet out of the running. With every game a vital marker, some very good hockey may be expected at Boundary Street the next week or two.

In the Knockout Competition 11 Inf. Workshops REME KO'd Kowloon Signals by 6-0 but Island Signals retrieved the honour of the Corps by whipping 137 Battery RA by 8-1. The draw for the quarter-finals resulted as follows—6 HAA Battery RA or Command Workshops REME v. HQRE Troops, Island Signals v. 8 COD, District Workshops REME v. RAMC or 23 HAA Battery RA, and finally 11 Inf. Workshops REME tackle the Command Pay Office.

In the Major Units' competition the draw for the quarter-finals resulted in 74 LAA Rgt, RA meeting the RASC, the 7 Hussars facing either 24 Field Eng. Rgt, RE or 27 HAA Rgt, RA and the 1 Green Howards and 15 Medium Rgt, RA, who have already had a most exciting clash, meet again to decide who will take

## Hockey League Fixtures For The Week-End

Following are the Hockey League fixtures for both the Ladies' and Men's Divisions over the week-end:

### LADIES' LEAGUE

Saturday  
Kings v. Gremlins 'A', King's Park at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—W.O.I Edwards, C.P.O. Ferrier.  
Greco 'A' v Victorians, Boundary Street at 4 p.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Von Ronnen, Mr. Rosa.  
Gremlins 'B' v KGV, Boundary Street at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Krishan Lal, Mr. Abbott.

MEN'S

1st Division, Sunday  
Army 'A' v Greco 'B', Sookumboo at 4 p.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Dillon, Mr. Miskhan Singh.  
Navy v. Greco 'A', Happy Valley at 4 p.m.  
Umpires—Major Ship, Mr. Wilson.  
Sookumboo v. Nav Bharat 'A', Sookumboo at 11 a.m.  
Umpires—Major Webber, Mr. Fowling.  
RAF 'A' v Dutch, Kai Tak at 3 p.m.  
Umpires—W.O.I Edwards, P.L.I. Irwin.

### 2nd Division

Nav Bharat 'B' v RAF 'D', Boundary Street at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—W.O.I. Forrest, SQMS English.  
Demons v HKHC, Happy Valley at 11 a.m.  
Umpires—Mr. Wellings, Mr. Crooks.  
Army 'C' v I.R.C., Boundary Street at 4 p.m.  
Umpires—S/Sgt. Moore, W.O.I. Turner.  
Army 'C' v Greco 'C', Sookumboo at 2.30 p.m.  
Umpires—Lt. Brown, Mr. Hawley.

## GEORGE WHITING, Britain's top boxing reporter, gives his 1957 British rankings

## OUR 'TRADESMEN' FIGHTERS ARE ON THE FLOOR

Who fights the good fight in 1957? We will now find with the chin-inviting wrath and vivification from one and all by suggesting that British professional boxing, beset by petrol rationing, talent rationing, entertainment tax, cushy boxers, boxers who can only count up to 10, and managers who can only count up to 25 per cent, is about to face its leanest year of all time. Luckaday, 'woe is me, and here's to the graveyard.'

**FOOTBALL**

Football has had a long rest over the past holiday, but gets into full stride today with five cup ties, the semi-finals of the Major Units on the Boundary Street ground, and three quarter-finals of the Minor Units, at Gun Club, King's Park and Sek Kong.

During the week the RAMC battled for their Corps Cup, and at Boundary Street the BMH deservedly ended 33 General Hospital's interest in the first semi-final. 28 FDS met 11 Field Ambulance in the other game and before an enthusiastic crowd gave an exciting and very entertaining 70 minutes of soccer.

While the FDS were undoubtedly the superior football machine the Field Ambulance never gave up trying. Few agreed with the referee's award of a penalty to them in the closing moments which made the result a draw, but on reflection all must have agreed that this was a wise decision as it gives all another chance to see a fine game.

In the reserve section of the Senior League on Sunday a large crowd saw the Army lads put up a grand display to beat a lively KMB second eleven by 3-2.

The Army forward line, however, often seemed at sixes and sevens (the latter being constantly offside) but Smith, wearing the No. 1 shirt, did a 'Don Revie' and did it very well.

Davies at centre-half had a good match but I felt that an attacking game by him would have had better results. Several fouls were very obviously intentional and were not in the best Army tradition; watch it lads, the Army sides have built up a name for hard clean play.

It is hoped that this week's training session will be devoted to the 'drill' for positioning for a free kick near goal. Good covering might well have prevented one of KMB's goals.

Finally where was the man with the magic sponge? A player was injured late in the second half when the trainer had gone to the dressing room with the senior team, surely a volunteer trainer for the reserve side could be easily found?

#### URGENT NEED

The first XI started on their game with KMB in fine fettle but this year's urgent need, goal-scoring forwards, was all too soon evident. Every man in the side more than pulled his weight, but off for some shooting boots. Having a good 70 percent of the play, Army just could not take advantage of their superior mid-field play.

Play deteriorated on both sides during the second period, and it was tragic to see goalkeeper Allen, who has turned in some fine displays this season, let in one very simple shot and later get mixed up with his left back and present another goal to the Busmen.

Bad luck, Army. You certainly do not deserve to lose on that display.

Next Sunday will see the Army 'A' side, the sole survivor of the Army teams which entered the Junior Shield tournament, meeting St Joseph's. This game will be played at the Club Stadium, at 14.00 hrs, to be followed by the Army v. Police match.

Now that means two good games for the price of one admission ticket, and the Army lads deserve—and need your vocal encouragement. Make a

## COLLAPSIBLE DINGHY AND CANOE



The very thing to take away on the summer holidays—the collapsible Pixie utility canoe and dinghy which can be divided and stored in the boot of a car. The Pixie, pictured on the deck of a seagoing Atlanta, was one of the novel exhibits at the National Boat Show at Olympia, London, on New Year's Day.

## MY 25 YEARS IN RACING

## DONOGHUE OFFERS PUNCH ON NOSE

By CLIVE GRAHAM (The Scout)

On the last day of December 1931, a nervous, 18-year-old boy, named Clive Graham, was ushered by a commissioner into a little, unwindowed L-shaped room in the old Daily Express office in Shoe-lane, off Fleet-street.

It was 11 o'clock in the morning. In one corner, two tickertapes droned away. The room smelt of paper and newsprint and stubbed-out cigarettes.

A few minutes later, an elderly, heavily coated man, with thick horn-rimmed spectacles, burst through the door.

"I'm Warren, Sports Editor here," he announced. "You're the youngster we have taken on the racing staff?"

Mr Warren vanished into his sanctum, a frosty glassed cubby-hole and came out with some Press Association forms. "That's the programme for tomorrow," he explained. "Find a form-book and enter the last three figures against the name of each horse."

The newcomer stated that he didn't need any form-book; he had by heart the pedigree and form-figures of every horse in the racecourse.

TRUCULENT

Hurst Park, it was. Steve Donoghue (whom I only knew slightly then) came up to me outside the weighing-room, looking disturbed and truculent.

"Have you seen Cyril Luckman?" he demanded. "Because I want to punch him slap on the nose."

"Why would that be, Steve?" replied the young racing reporter. "Why?" said Steve, looking even angrier.

"He might know a lot about racing, but he hasn't been through the mill . . ."

That was quite true. "Old Man" Warren shook his head dubiously and walked back to his little den muttering—

"He might know a lot about racing, but he hasn't been through the mill . . ."

That's for laughs, now—that credit for "knowing a lot about racing." It seems at this stage to me that all I knew then could have been written in longhand on a piece of cigarette-paper.

I knew the form-book, yes, but in an amateurish sort of way. My maths master at Chancery School, "Chump" Pearson, taught me the rudiments of handicapping over the breakfest table, when I was 11 years old.

Fortunately for me, at this Hurst Park encounter, Michael, who dropped his hatches whenever he became excited, "Met" Steve (second jockey to Michael Beary).

(The occasion was a review of riding plans, for the 1932 St Leger, when the Aga Khan started four horses—first, second, fourth, and fifth. Trust Steve and Michael, they both picked wrong and Freddie Fox won on Firdausi at 20-1.)

Fortunately for me, at this Hurst Park encounter, Michael, seeing the trouble which was the snit of life to him, strolled up to us with that famous twinkle in his eye and amity was soon restored.

Michael, of course, had his hot-headed moments, and it wasn't so many years afterwards that he was shaking his fist at me in anger.

He had not read the article in question—but all the jockeys were talking about it, he exploded.

Apart from these minor manifestations of temperament, Steve and Michael and I built up a steady friendship.

A fantastic pair they made. And what terrible jockeys! Steve was always on optimism, while Michael had a fatal knack of choosing the wrong occasion for pessimism.

And yet, somehow, they never seemed to lose heart, or forfeit the ability to inspire confidence in the mind of those who listened to them.

Gordon Richards had his failings too in this line. Can I forget that occasion on the way to Chepstow when he despaired of riding more than one winner? (He only rode the other five.)

"Brownie" Corrale, for all his brilliance in the saddle, was another jockey whose advice was best ignored. He was so disheartening, so "off-putting" that R. C. Dawson, for whom he rode at one time, forbade him to come down to his Whatcombe stables.

"You depress me too much, Corrale," he told him. "In fact, you make me positively ill!"

#### ADVISERS

Dick Dawson relied for his advice on the light-weight Tommy Bartlam as, indeed, did Major W. V. Beatty and, later, Captain Boyd-Rochfort on the services of Willie Stephenson.

Neither of these were top-flight jockeys, and it has certainly been my experience that the more successful a rider the less reliable is his judgment.

The Ascot meeting saved me (to plague you all these years later). Udipuri, Orpen, Sandy Lashes, Heronslea, Concerto, and others—bless them all.

The Netherlands Olympic Committee decided not to compete in the Melbourne Olympics because of the world situation at the time of the Games and in particular the Hungarian crisis.

Free-style events at the Olympics were dominated by the Australian teenagers Loraine Crapp and Dawn Fraser. Their joyful opponents would have been record-breaking girl champions from the Netherlands—Francois-Presles.

Two points arise from these days—the danger of trying too hard to find winners, and therefore neglecting the obvious, and the patient tolerance of the prewar Daily Express reader.

As that first season progressed, the winners began to flow and I was even allowed to write "The Scout" article when Cyril Luckman took a short holiday in August.

#### ENGLAND LOSES

Copenhagen, Jan. 8. England were beaten 7-0 by Denmark in an international badminton match here tonight—Rutter.

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# EFFORTS TO GET BACK SPAIN'S GOLD FROM RUSSIANS

Madrid, Jan. 8.

Efforts announced by the Spanish Government to secure a return of the Spanish gold reserves which were sent to Soviet Russia in October 1936, during the Civil War, are not expected to meet with much success.

The Soviet Government is expected to argue that the money was spent in supplying the Republican Government with war equipment, food, and primary materials.

The announcement was made recently by the Spanish Government that, with the help of the family of the late Dr Juan Negrín, Prime Minister of the Republic during its last year and eleven months of existence, it had now gained possession of the documents concerning Spain's gold reserves, his revived one of the most controversial episodes of the Civil War.

## Was 64

Dr Juan Negrín, who was 64 when he died recently in a heart attack in Paris, in the capacity of Finance Minister of the Republic in 1936 was one of those principally concerned in the transfer of the Spanish gold to the Soviet Union. Before he died he apparently

began negotiations to give the Spanish Government the receipts given by the Russians when the gold reached Moscow in February 1937.

Exact figures have never been published, but the figure most often quoted is 501,079 kilogrammes (some 600 tons) of gold, worth, today, some \$733,890,000 or £200,000,000.

The removal of this gold to Moscow was defended by the Communists on the grounds that the Franco offensive on Madrid placed it in danger, that Franco might succeed in blocking it if it were placed elsewhere in Europe or in America, and that the transfer was necessary to guarantee the flow of arms, munitions and food from the Soviet Union.

## No Doubt

There is no doubt that strong Communist pressure was placed on the Republican Government to send the gold to Moscow.

The transfer of the gold from Madrid to Cartagena for shipment to the Soviet Union was carried out by a famous Communist figure of the civil war, "El Campesino" (Valentín González).

Some years later, now disillusioned with communism, "El Campesino" fled from Soviet Russia, where he went to live at the end of the Civil War, and wrote a book entitled "Life and Death in Soviet Russia." In this, he described the transfer of the gold as "an immense robbery carried out against the people of Spain."

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China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.  
Macao, 1 p.m.  
Malaya, Ceylon, 2 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.

## Spaniards Indemnified

Madrid, Jan. 8.

The Japanese Government will give Spain the equivalent of \$5,500,000 in indemnities for damages suffered by Spanish citizens residing in the Philippines during the second world war, it was announced tonight in Madrid.

An exchange of notes definitely settling the matter was held tonight at Santa Cruz Palace in the Spanish capital. Representing Japan was the Japanese Ambassador, Shigeru Yosano, while Spain was represented by Foreign Minister, Alberto Martín Arrijo—France-Presse.

## More Poles Expected Home

London, Jan. 8.

About 100,000 Poles are likely to return home from the Soviet Union this year, says the Polish news agency, said today.

The numbers of repatriates arriving from the Soviet Union in the last months of 1956 had been considerably larger than expected and reached 4,000 in December.

The Ministry of Agriculture had about 5,000 farms reserved for the repatriates, 2,000 of which can be taken over immediately. Financial assistance to the repatriates would be considerably increased—China Mail Special.

## BOAT SHOW OPENS IN LONDON



## COUNTRIES REJOIN WHO

Gonava, Jan. 8.

Bulgaria and Albania have notified the World Health Organisation of their decision to resume an active part in the work of the organisation, beginning this month.

These countries, along with others in the Soviet bloc, have been regarded as inactive members of the WHO for several years.

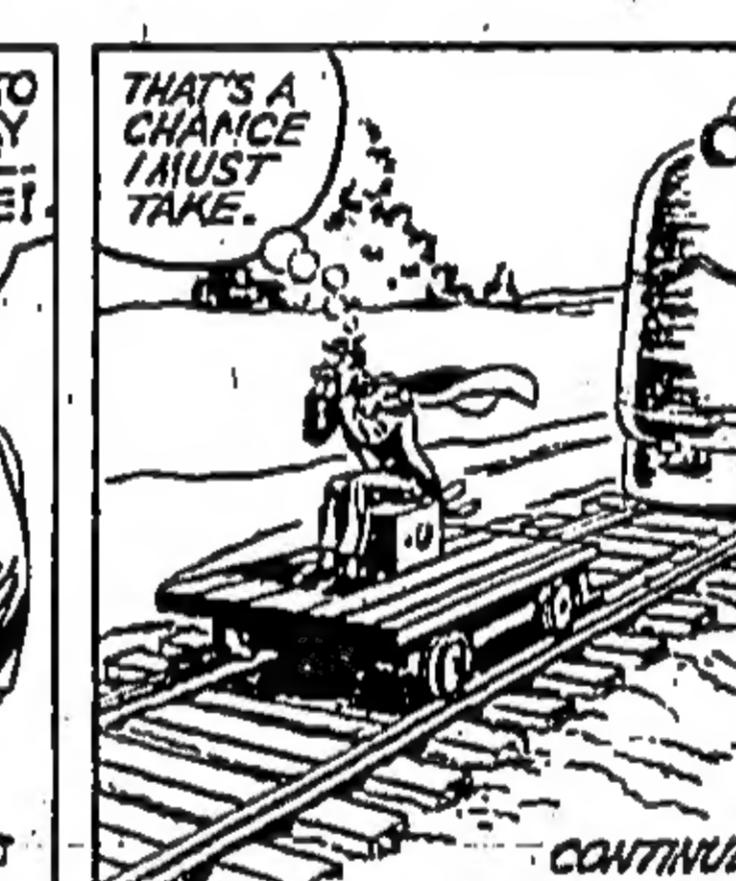
The last assembly of the organisation acted to encourage the return of these countries by providing that they need only pay token dues to cover the period of their absence.—Fernseh-Presse.

The deal, which would have brought the company's capital up to 6,500,000 Lebanese pounds, was concluded last July 27 and was to have financed greater oil prospecting in Lebanon.

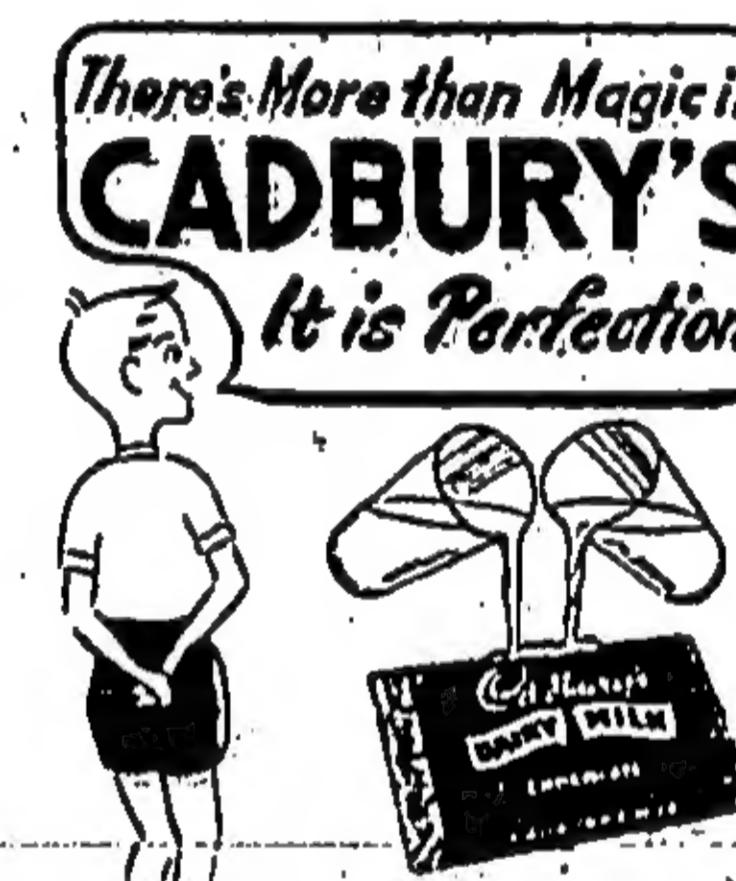
The Board of Directors decided to seek other groups or companies who might replace Onassis. The agreement between Onassis and the Lebanese Oil Company was ratified by the Lebanese Parliament on December 4.—France-Presse.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

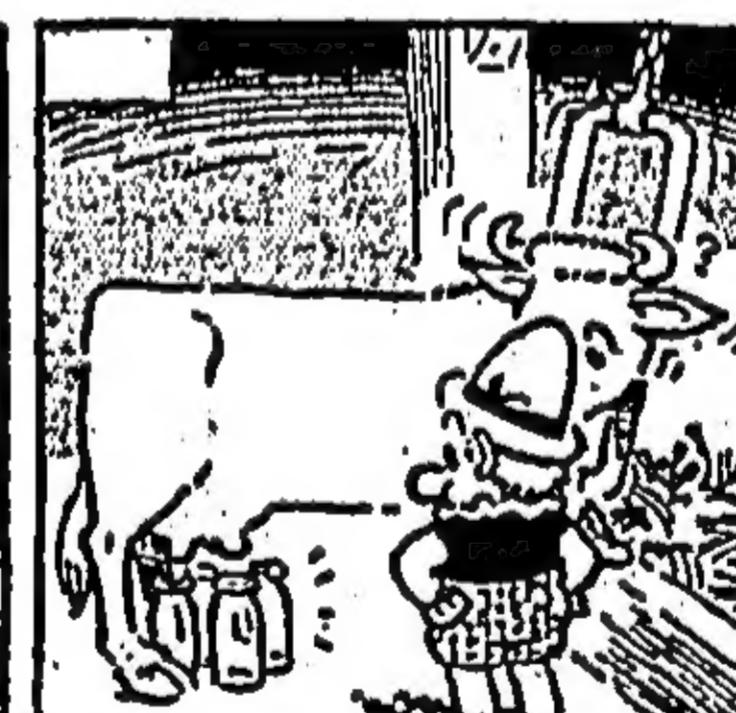
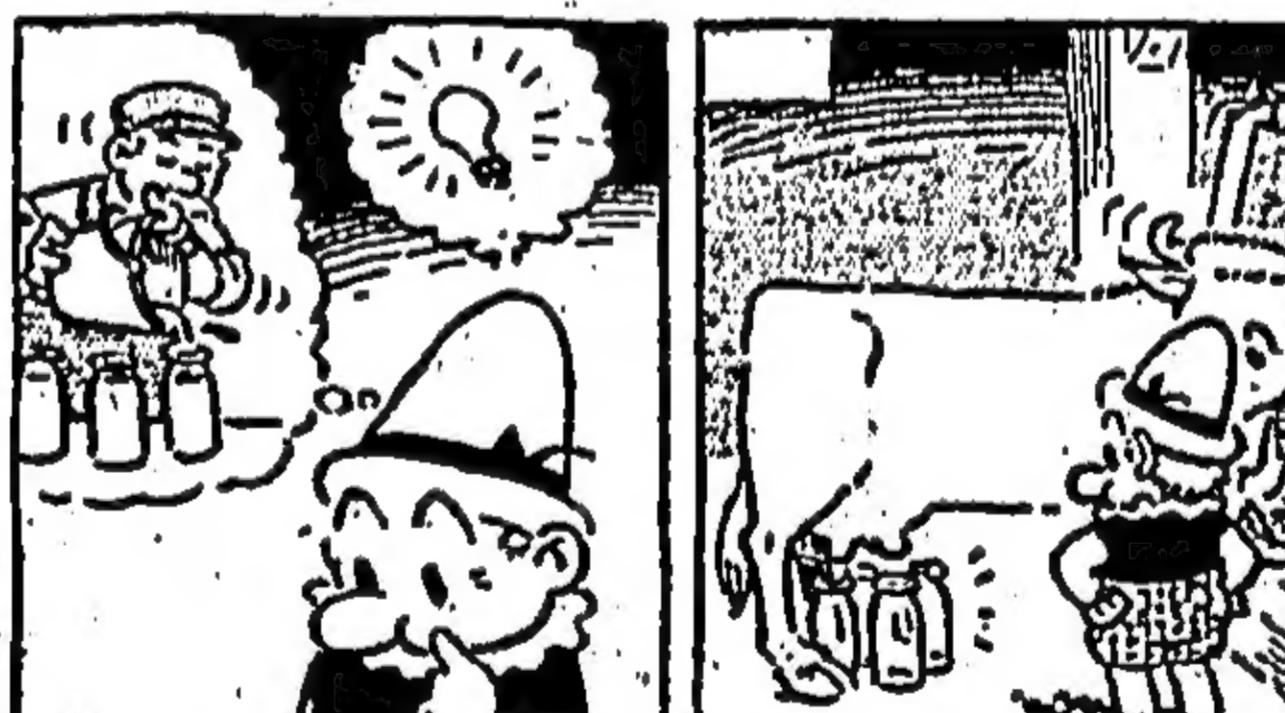


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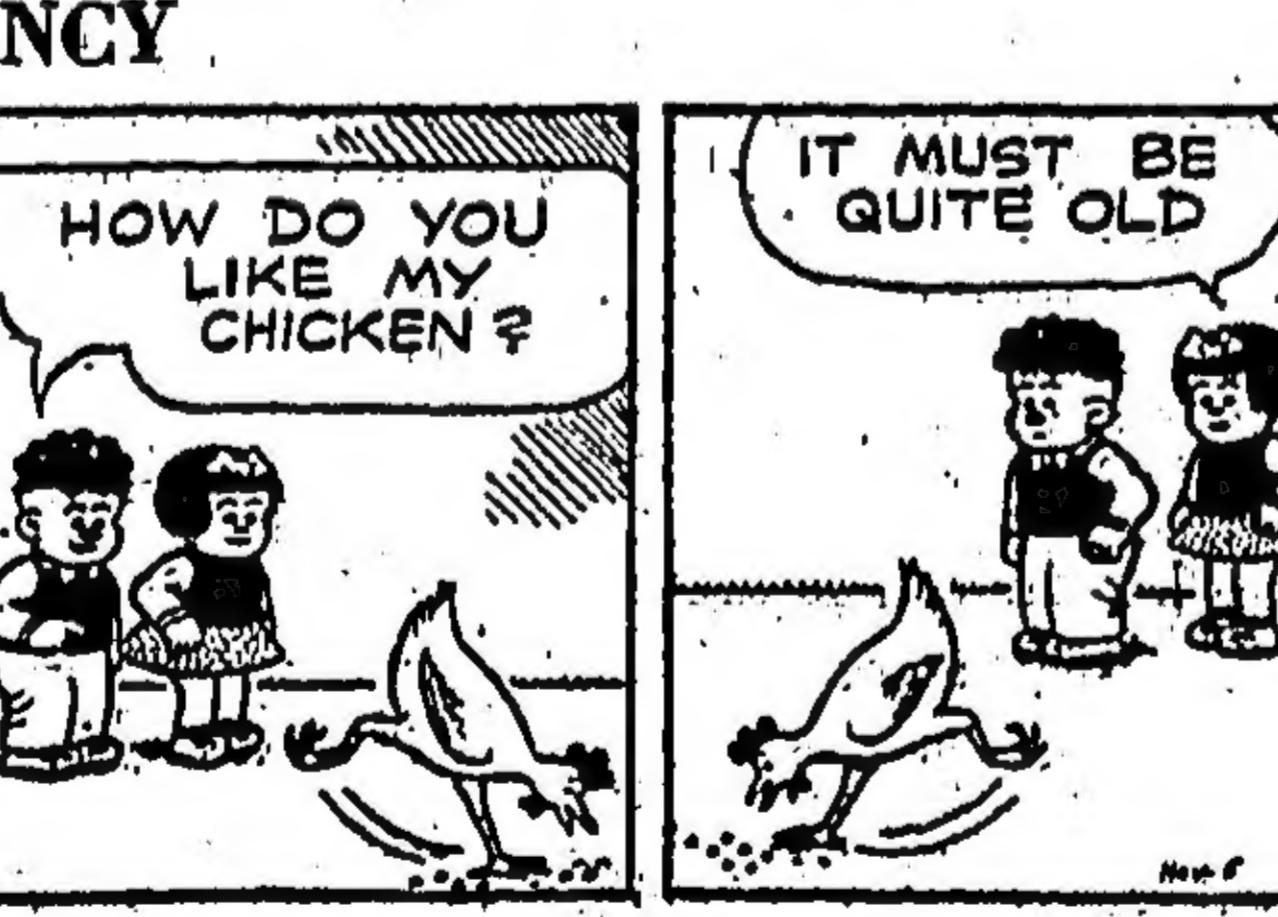
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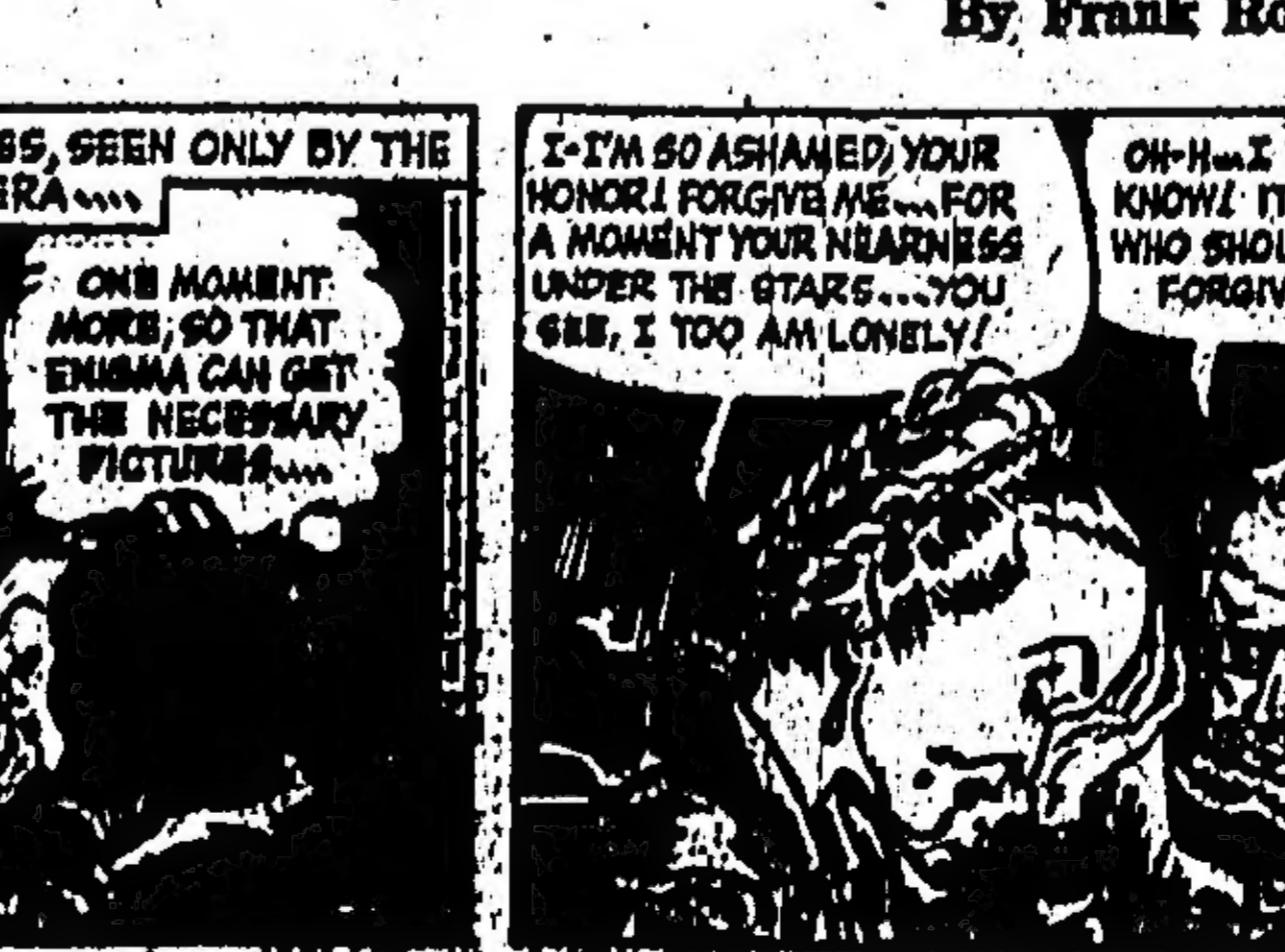
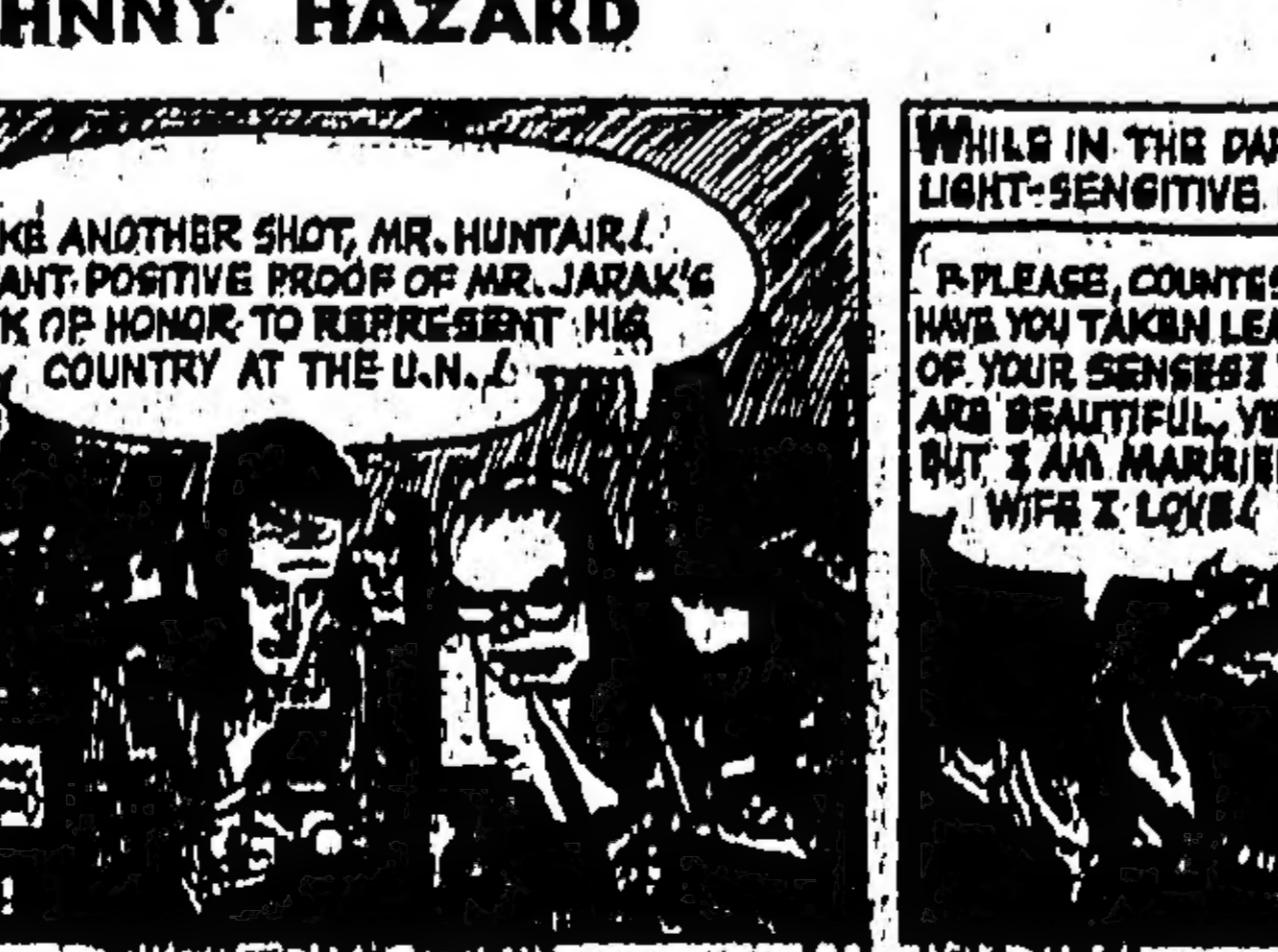
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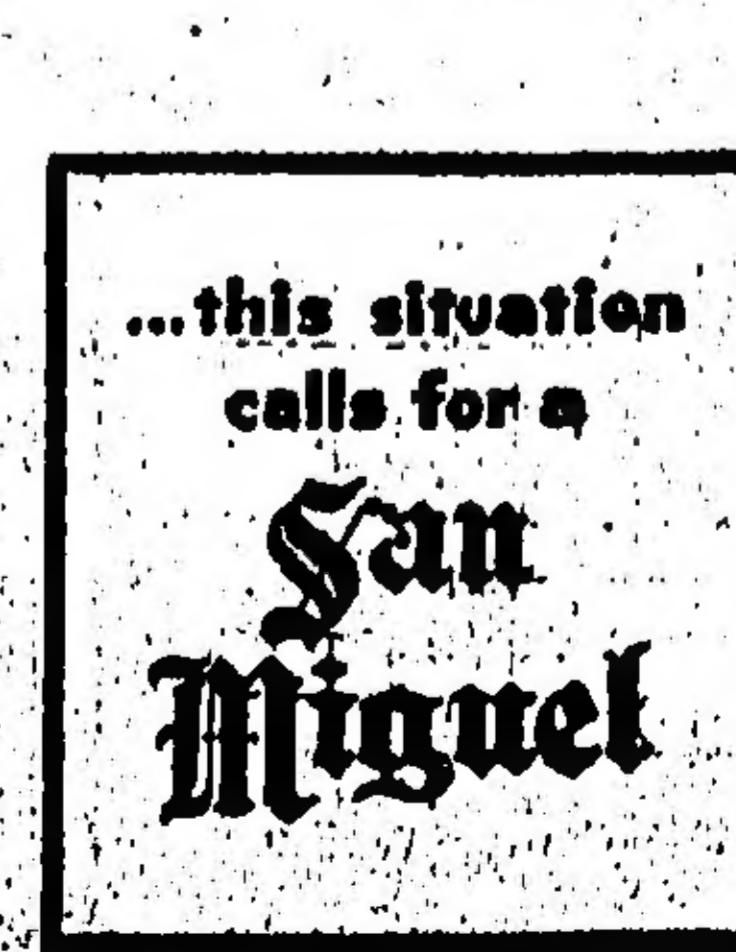


By Ernie Bushmiller

## JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins



...this situation calls for a  
**San Miguel**

# Practical Jokes 'War' Between Berliners

Berlin, Jan. 8.

The psychological war between East and West has entered a new phase in Berlin, with Communists and anti-Communists trying to outdo each other in elaborate practical jokes.

Forged letters have been sent from West Berlin to East Germany for some years now by various anti-Communist organisations with the aim of bewildering and embarrassing Communist officials.

But East Berlin seems to have taken to retaliating with the same coin.

The first sign of the new Communist "joke" tactics came when Herr Carl-Hubert Schwancke, Chairman of the Free People's party and an outspoken anti-Communist, was celebrating his 50th birthday recently.

## PRESENTS

Well-known West Berlin firms sent vans to Herr Schwancke's villa with prepared luncheons for 50 people, scores of bottles of wines, silver-ware, and various other "prizes." Herr Schwancke soon discovered, however, that he was expected to pay for it all. Each of the vans had been ordered by telephone, and the West Berlin police believe that this was a Communist prank.

In support of their theory they cite the delivery soon afterwards of five tons of unclaimed coal at the home of an official who works for the Eastern Bureau of the West Berlin Social Democratic party. It is this Bureau which has reported coal shortages in East Germany.

The anti-Communist Investigation Committee of Free Jurists reported in December that members of their staff, too, have been the victims of various incidents ranging from practical jokes to "criminal molestation." Funeral wreaths, complete luncheons for several people, binoculars, compasses and long explaine.

Then came "advertisements" addressed to the many unemployed in West Berlin and offering jobs for transport workers, marmottes and porters! The addresses to which applications were to be sent were those of well-known West Berlin anti-Communists.

## SOME ANNOYANCE

These advertisements resulted in some annoyance when more than a dozen tough-looking men queued up outside the flat of an official, or worse still, when the doorbell to find a score of beautiful girls asking for jobs as marmottes. They led to the arrest, in West Berlin, of a man whom the West Berlin police state to be an agent of the East German State Security Service. He is awaiting trial by Federal Court at Karlsruhe.

Some of the anti-Communist organisations have played similar jokes on the communists, with varying success, for many years. East German newspapers have often issued warnings that invitations to this or that conference were forged, and no heed should be paid to them.

## INCREASE PRICES

Letters on the stationery of East German Ministers have been sent to District Councils ordering an increase in prices paid for certain industrial products, or a reduction in the compulsory quotas of agricultural products exacted from private farmers. In some cases the house is known to have been successful and resulted in considerable disruption of local budgets.

But the anti-Communist organisations claim that their most successful frauds have been the "calling" of conferences. Hundreds of East German party, trade union and state officials, they claim, have travelled thousands of miles for nothing—China Mail Special.

## Literary Prize

Paris, Jan. 8. The French "Guillaume Apollinaire" poetry prize was awarded jointly to Jacques

# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## Sterling Appears To Be Saved AMPLE MEANS TO DEFEND IT

London, Jan. 8. Whether or not (as some believe) Britain has sold her birthright to save sterling, it does definitely look saved.

With the IMF's reinforcement of the reserves, Britain has shown her determination to defend it; far more important, the US Treasury has shown that it regards the defense of sterling as a matter of worldwide importance; and ample means to defend it have been provided.

Together, the arrangement with the IMF and the projected borrowing from the US Export-Import Bank just about double the reserves, and cover any possible dollar oil costs several times over.

### Other Ways

At a pinch, the sterling area as a whole could find other ways of augmenting them by as much again. The bears cannot indefinitely argue with that kind of money.

If, as is probable, the IMF arrangement would have sufficed, the Ex-Im Bank loan is redundant.

Still more so is the pledging of the British Government's portfolio of dollar securities as collateral for it; that bank is accustomed to making political loans that it does not usually bother about collateral.

However, it would look logical: using the Ex-Im money for dollar oil and other such costs so as to keep as much as possible of the IMF money in the shop window of the reserves if it might take a fair time to come through. Other countries' negotiations with the Ex-Im Bank have been known to take up two years.

### Little Head-Room

Until its flush tax revenue comes in mid-March, the US Treasury has very little head-room left below the ceiling on the national debt.

Until then, finding what Britain wants from the Ex-Im Bank, on top of finding the dollars for British and probably also French drawings from the IMF, might take too much of the small remaining margin. If and when Britain does get the Ex-Im loan she will be incurring some available interest charges so as to pile on the agony for the bears.

As there is no longer even a sporting chance of sterling being deviated within the period of any forward foreign exchange contract, the bears seem bound to get tired of incurring heavy charges for nothing and seeing the rate run away from them.

Still, the bears are taking a lot of convincing. Making sterling's assurance doubly sure may be good for internal policy.

Once the external position is assured—and, more important, when it is seen to be assured—it will be both necessary and safe to seek ways of taking up the deflationary slack in the internal economy.

### Depressed Areas

At the moment the two most depressed areas, motors and road haulage, could hardly be revived by any monetary means.

Short term, the needed trick is not to revive consumer goods in such ways as relaxing hire purchase restrictions—though that will be a high priority eventually; the outstanding volume of consumer credit in Britain is no longer too high even in the emergency; it is far too low for the longer run.

The more urgent trick is to find a stimulus—perhaps by some general relaxation of the credit squeeze—to divert some unemployed resources into the capital investment that is so desperately needed, emergency or no emergency.

Every day of continued under-investment in Britain is one more day of important gain by Germany and important loss by Britain. The announcements on the defense burden, the atomic programme, and higher steel prices go to the heart of the problem. They are as encouraging as they are overdue.

### No Chances

As no chances dare be taken with sterling, the credit squeeze has had to continue, in spite of its being so inappropriate and of its serious impact on investment, industrial output. The budget, the modest debt in the balance of payments and the nation's future.

### STANDARD OIL EXPLORATION

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Standard Oil Co. of California yesterday announced plans to spend more than \$400 million dollars in 1957 for "capital and exploratory purposes in the Western Hemisphere."

This will exceed the record \$365 million dollars spent for similar objectives in 1956, according to Board Chairman R. G. Follis.

Mr Follis said more than \$250 million dollars would be spent this year for exploration and development of crude oil producing properties with 75 to 80 per cent to be expended in the US and the rest in Canada and Latin America.—United Press.

### Stagnation

The fact remains that the credit squeeze, an indiscriminate internal deflationary influence, is wildly inappropriate to a crisis which derives from an external accident and not like all previous postwar crises, from internal inflation.

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### New York Sugar Market

New York, Jan. 8. World No. 4 sugar futures today closed seven to 13 points higher with sales of 850 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar closed three to seven points higher with sales of 322 contracts.

World futures strengthened on heavy buying. The raw world price, according to dealers, was indicated around 5.25 cents a pound, fob, today, seven points above yesterday.

The rise in world futures influenced domestic prices which scored good gains. Futures:

**Contract No. 4 (world).**

March	5.30-31
May	5.35
July	5.35
Sept.	5.35
March	4.90
May	4.80
Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba)	5.30

**AMSTERDAM**

The market was steady at lower level. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif Jan., as follows:

No. 1 rubber per lb. 101-103½

No. 2 rubber per lb. 101-101½

No. 3 rubber per lb. 98-98½

No. 4 rubber per lb. 94-94½

Spot rubber unboxed 83-84

No. 1 pale crepe 122-124

—United Press.

**Contract No. 6**

March 5.85

May 5.85

July 5.85

Sept. 5.81

Spot (cents per lb. cif NY) 5.80

—United Press.

**NEW ORLEANS**

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot 31.00

March 34.32

May 34.32

July 33.15

Sept. 33.15

Dec. 33.15

March 33.10

May 33.05

—United Press.

**LIVERPOOL**

Prices of futures closed today in pence per lb. as follows:

Old contract Mar/Apr. 36.82

May/June 36.29

July 35.27

Sept./Nov. 35.27

Dec./Jan. 35.19

Mar/Apr. 35.78

July 35.25

Sept. 35.25

Oct./Nov. 35.25

Dec./Jan. 35.00

Egyptian Karnak Jan/Feb. 60.00

—United Press.

**SAO PAULO**

Futures closing in cruzeros per kilo were as follows:

March 37.50

July 39.00

Sept. 39.00

Dec. 37.00

March 31.00

May 31.00

Total 10,000 1,148,500 Reis

**NEW YORK**

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Sept. 39.00

Dec. 37.00

March 31.00

May 31.00

Total 10,000 1,148,500 Reis

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### WALL STREET IN ROUTINE MOOD

New York, Jan. 8. Stocks moved in pretty much routine fashion as Wall Street held to the sidelines feel for the most part that the list is in basically strong condition, many believe it will take some surprise piece of good news to generate demand enough to penetrate the 500 resistance level in the industrial average.

### WORLD TIN PRODUCTION INCREASED

Washington, Jan. 8. The United States Bureau of Mines reported yesterday that the world production of tin during 1955 was 179,400 long tons, (content of ore) compared to 178,000 in 1954.

The Bureau issued a worldwide compilation of comparative statistics, including Communist China but not the Soviet Union.

The annual average in the five postwar years 1946-50 was 137,300 tons.

Postwar gains in tin production have been largest in Asia, and the chief continental decline was in South America.

European production made its largest gain in Portugal.

Tin African continental production has been approximately stable in the postwar period but it doubled in the Union of South Africa.

### DOUBLED

In North America, Mexico's tin production has doubled since the second world war.

Malaya in 1955 continued to rank as the world's largest producer of tin, with an output of 61,900 tons compared to 60,600 in the previous year and an annual average of 35,044 tons in the postwar years 1946-50.

Indonesia ranked second, with 33,300 tons compared to an annual average of 22,775 tons in the period 1946-50.

Bolivia, formerly the world's second largest tin producer, had tin exports in 1955 of 27,921 tons compared to 234,710 tons annual average in 1946-50.

China's production of tin was estimated to have increased from 5,080 tons annually in 1946-50 to 11,500 tons in 1955.

East German production increased in the same time from 70 to 600 tons.

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—United Press.

### Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Jan. 9. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Opening

Datu Lintang Rubber Co. Ltd. \$1.75

British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate 61/-

Consolidated Tin Smelters Ord. 20/-

Farmer New Zealand Ltd. 62.30

Frasier & Neave Ltd. 71.50

cum. pref. 84.00

Gammons (Malaya) Limited. 82.07

Hawthorn, Shadwell & Baring Corp. 56.00

Hong Kong Tin Ltd. 67.00

Kempas Ltd. 81.40

Malayan Breweries 52.90

New Serandah Rubber Co. Ltd. 42.20

Petaling Tin Ltd. 42.20

Portuguese Shipbuilding 52.35

Singapore Cold Storage Co. 42.50

South British Insurance Co. Ltd. 22.25

Straits Steamship 41.50

United Engineers Ord. 50.60

Wee Bros. 43.97

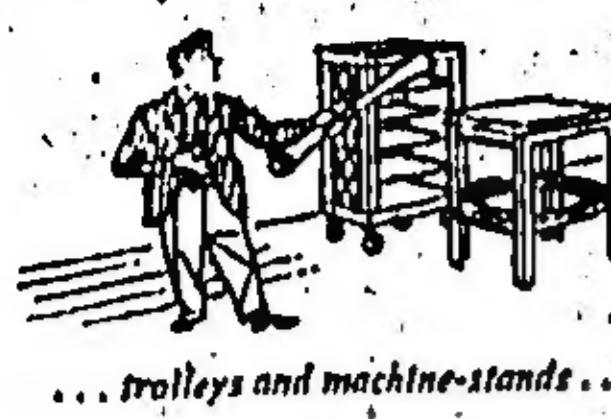
—United Press.

### LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Jan. 8. Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### THE SHOESHINE

In a sense, the queues meet in mid-Atlantic, though one has its start in an office in Mayfair, and the others roll from the counters of shipping agents in hot West Indian islands.

The West Indians see Britain as an isle of enchantment, the natives for various reasons are disenchanted and seek to emigrate. Ships all, and sail, and pass each other, each loaded to the Plimsoll line with hopes.

On a ship from the West Indies, Mortimer arrived in Britain a few weeks ago.

#### IN AND OUT

MORTIMER is a lean, thoughtful-looking, softly-spoken man of 27, and he came here as most of his countrymen have, in search of work.

He came to London, found lodgings in Brixton with compatriots, and within a few hours of arriving was in a job. A few hours more and he was out of it.

Four more jobs followed, in quick succession, and in none did Mortimer settle for more than a few days.

#### PERFECTION

IT was not that he was work-shy. It was more that he was a perfectionist. Somewhere, he knew, a job existed that he could do better than others could. It was towards finding this that he was striving.

Perfectionists do better, of course, if they have a little capital behind them. Mortimer had none, and the day came when he found himself out of work with no job in prospect. His only funds were the 18s. unemployment money to which he was entitled.

Some men, so placed, might have grappled at the first job that came in sight, however unsuited to their particular talents.

**BRUSH WITH THE LAW**  
THIS, Mortimer could not bring himself to do. Instead, he took a hard look at himself, seeking to find the reason for his lack of success. He looked himself up and down, from top to toe, and when he got to his toes he knew he need not look further.

His shoes. There lay the trouble. He had not cleaned them in all the weeks he had

been in London. With shoes properly shone, employers would queue to give him jobs. Mortimer set out from his lodgings, made for a chain store, and there bought himself a 1s. 6d. shoe brush.

#### CAUGHT

THEN a thought occurred to him. What good was one brush? Two were essential. As he had not the price of another, Mortimer tried to steal a second brush. He was caught and at Bow Street pleaded guilty to the charge.

A policeman told Mortimer's story to Sir Laurence Dunn, and Mortimer said in his own defense: "I was badly in need of that brush, sir."

"Well, look here," Sir Laurence said to him, "we don't like anybody, whatever their colour or nationality, who comes to this country and steals anything. You'll be discharged conditionally this time."

"Yes, sir," said Mortimer, and he marched off with his head held high—because he went away free, perhaps. Or because he could not bear to lower his eyes and see his dull, lustreless brown shoes.

#### THE PROPOSALS

The text of the draft resolution proposed that a special five-nation committee be charged with establishing and maintaining means of direct observation both in Hungary and elsewhere.

The committee should collate witnesses, reports and other information and report its findings to the General Assembly at the present session and subsequently.

The Hungarian delegation left the Assembly in December in protest against the "interference" of the United Nations in Hungarian internal affairs.

Later, the Hungarian Government announced in Budapest that the delegation would return to its place in the Assembly. Nevertheless, the delegation did not return to the Assembly when its session resumed on January 2.

**Imports Of HK Shirts To Britain Up**

Manchester, Jan. 8.

Imports of garments into Britain from Hongkong are still on the increase, the garment section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce was told today.

The section chairman, Mr P. C. Simpson, told the annual meeting that Hongkong imports increased again in the first ten months of 1956. Hongkong now accounted for about 40 per cent of all clothing imports into Britain, he said.

Mr Simpson said Hongkong competition was most marked in the shirt field. Their average CIF price was about a quarter of the current price for the British article. From January to August last year 579,657 dozen woven shirts were imported from the Colony. This compared with 484,155 dozen in the first eight months of 1955.—Reuter.

The resolution finally reiterates the Assembly's request that the Secretary-General, Dr Dag Hammarskjold, take all measures he deems useful concerning the Hungarian problem.—France-Presse.

#### Drive Against Refugees

Budapest, Jan. 8.

Hungarians are being daily taken off trains in raids by police and Communist militia under a new drive by the Soviet-backed government to stem the flow of refugees to the West. It was learned today.

Many passengers were closely questioned about their destinations or the amount of money they carried.

Observers said the new measures were making it increasingly difficult to leave Hungary illegally.

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#### FRANTIC MESSAGE

The mother, Mrs Lillian Palen of Honolulu, and her son were reported doing well in Kapiolani maternity hospital.

Walker Lawton, praised the stewardesses, Alice Martinez and Lorraine Mikosh, for their cool performance.

"They did a terrific job," said

Lawton, who appeared more unbroken by the experience than the girls.

#### BABY BORN ON PLANE

Honolulu, Jan. 8.

Two stewardesses "played it by ear" today as they delivered a baby aboard a Transocean airliner en route from San Francisco to Honolulu.

When a friend visited him,

The commander of the plane,

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Lawton broke the news of the emergency with a frantic radio message: "We're having a baby—get a doctor, quick!"

Dr Robert Ho was called to the airport control tower. He radioed instructions to Lawton, who relayed them to the stewardesses.

Mrs Mikosh admitted she was "plenty shook" when Mrs Palen announced that her fifth child would change the passenger list from 54 to 55.

Kapiolani Hospital reported that the baby was born prematurely, weighing under five pounds.—United Press.

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### Draft Resolution On Hungary Before UN

United Nations, Jan. 9.

The United States, France, Britain and nearly 20 other nations tonight presented the Bureau of the United Nations General Assembly with a draft resolution on Hungary.

The resolution, which will be examined tomorrow by the General Assembly, calls for the creation of a five-nation committee to investigate the situation in Hungary by all possible means.

It was also announced today that the Hungarian delegation would not take part in this General Assembly debate.

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**SIDE GLANCES** By Galbraith

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"She's been busy in the kitchen since Herbie proposed

—I hope she gets married before we get indigestion!"

### Accused Testifies In Wounding & Conspiracy Case

Chau Fuk-ling, alias Chau Fuk-sang, 36, tailor, who is jointly charged with three others with wounding and conspiracy, gave a statement from the dock in his own defence before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The four accused are Yu Yun, 51, earth cooler; Chau Man, 39, earth cooler; Cheung Lam-fai, 32, earth cooler.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Divisional Detective Inspector W. E. Thomas.

The accused are alleged to have wounded several folks of the Lung Wah Teahouse, near the Tai Hang Tung Resettlement Area, with knives and choppers, on the morning of September 7.

Chau Fuk-ling said in evidence that he was sent out for about four hours that morning. When he returned he found Yu as he had left him—lying in bed.

Hearing is proceeding.

Cross-examined. Ip agreed that he went out for about four hours that morning. When he returned he found Yu as he had left him—lying in bed.

Witness said Yu told him that he felt so bad that he could not move or eat.

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#### Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. "Women Only." A Weekly Magazine introduced by Mary Shawman, 6, Time Signal, Programme Summary: 6.02, Lucky Dip; Listener Requests presented by Mary Shawman, 6, Time Signal, 7.00; Concert or Story or Show; 7.00; Time Signal or Story Press Item; 7.15; "Time for Jazz," presented by Robin Day; 7.45; Letter from America; 8.00; Concert or Story; 8.15; "Song, Ronald Binge and his Orchestra"; 9.30, "Here come the Boys"; 9. Time Signal, the News, 9.00; The Opening of the New Chinese Chamber for Ladies' Council; 10. Report on the Afternoon's Ceremony, which was performed by Sir Alexander Graham; 10.30, "Encore" in the Balkan Express; A Comedy for Radio, by Wolfgang Hildebrand; English Version by Timothy Harvey; 11. The Singing of Human Beings, Music of the Twentieth Century, Church Windows—Four Symphonic Impressions; 10.30, Weather Report; 11. The Signal, Radio News Head; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

SHIRT TORN

Accused said his shirt became torn. He became angry and pushed the folk, who fell against a partition and broke a pane of glass. Other folks grabbed him also, and the first folk punched him several times.

Some customers intervened and stopped the fight. He went out of the teahouse, intending to walk away. The folk who started the trouble stopped him and asked him to pay compensation for the broken pane of glass.

Chau said a crowd gathered and some of the onlookers argued with the folk to let him go.

He managed to make his way through the crowd. A short distance off, he said, he heard a commotion and cries of "Beat him, beat him."

Second accused said he was very frightened. He ran away and hid. He saw some people

#### REDIFFUSION

Two p.m. Variety Call, the "Goodbye, Ziegfeld" (Stav); "Spanish Dance" No. 1 (de Havilland); "Fuerza da la Calle" (Alvaro); "El Pato Moruno" and "Cancion" (de Falla); "Symphonie Espagnole," (Lalo); 4, "The Queen of Sheba" (Gershwin); 5, "World—Mary and Clark"; 6, Tea for Two; 10, Strictly Instrumental; 7, Children's Corner—Presented by Anne Geddes; 8, "Encore" by Betty; 8.30, Birthday Melody; 9.30, Another I-Up Show; 9.45, "The House of Peter Brook"; 10, Time Signal and the News; 11, "Westerly" (Westerly); 12, "Westerly" (Westerly); 12.30, "Dixie Jungsens and his Orchestra"; 1.30, Eddie Fisher with Alex Stierholt's Orchestra; 2.30, "Dinner for One" (Ray McKinley); 3.30, "Diamond Music Show"; 5, Time Signal and the News; 6, "The Chinese Connection"; 7, "China Connection"; 8, "China Connection"; 9, "China Connection"; 10, "China Connection"; 11, "China Connection"; 12, "China Connection"; 13, "China Connection"; 14, "China Connection"; 15, "China Connection"; 16, "China Connection"; 17, "China Connection"; 18, "China Connection"; 19, "China Connection"; 20, "China Connection"; 21, "China Connection"; 22, "China Connection"; 23, "China Connection"; 24, "China Connection"; 25, "China Connection"; 26, "China Connection"; 27, "China Connection"; 28, "China Connection"; 29, "China Connection"; 30, "China Connection"; 31, "China Connection"; 32, "China Connection"; 33, "China Connection"; 34, "China Connection"; 35, "China Connection"; 36, "China Connection"; 37, "China Connection"; 38, "China Connection"; 39, "China Connection"; 40, "China Connection"; 41, "China Connection"; 42, "China Connection"; 43, "China Connection"; 44, "China Connection"; 45, "China Connection"; 46, "China Connection"; 47, "China Connection"; 48, "China Connection"; 49, "China Connection"; 50, "China Connection"; 51, "China Connection"; 52, "China Connection"; 53, "China Connection"; 54, "China Connection"; 55, "China Connection"; 56, "China Connection"; 57, "China Connection"; 58, "China Connection"; 59, "China Connection"; 60, "China Connection"; 61, "China Connection"; 62, "China Connection"; 63, "China Connection"; 64, "China Connection"; 65, "China Connection"; 66, "China Connection"; 67, "China Connection"; 68, "China Connection"; 69, "China Connection"; 70, "China Connection"; 71, "China Connection"; 72, "China Connection"; 73, "China Connection"; 74, "China Connection";